

Line Amendments to Bill Draft [LD21100997D](#): Holding electronic meetings during a state of emergency

Line 30, unstrike "(i)"

Line 31, unstrike "and"

Line 32, unstrike "(ii) the purpose of the meeting is to" and add "[provide for the continuity of operations of the public body and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.](#)"

Insert a new line beginning after line 44 that reads:

[The provisions of this subdivision shall be applicable only for the duration of the emergency declared pursuant to § 44-146.17 or §44.146.21.](#)

The section would now read as follows in its totality:

3. Any public body, or any joint meetings thereof, may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in accordance with § [44-146.17](#) or the locality in which the public body is located has declared a local state of emergency pursuant to §44.146.21, provided that (i) the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to ~~address the emergency.~~ [provide for the continuity of operations of the public body and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.](#)

The public body convening a meeting in accordance with this subdivision shall:

- a. Give public notice using the best available method given the nature of the emergency, which notice shall be given contemporaneously with the notice provided to members of the public body conducting the meeting;
- b. Make arrangements for public access to such meeting through electronic means, including videoconferencing if already used by the public body; ~~and~~
- c. Provide the public with the opportunity to comment at those meetings of the public body when public comment is customarily received; and
- d. Otherwise comply with the provisions of this section chapter.

The nature of the emergency, the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means, and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held shall be stated in the minutes.

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