

Attendance of Public and Media at Remote Locations of Public Meetings Using Electronic Communications 2012-2016

Note: Most reports simply noted that only 1 person was at a remote location, so it is presumed that person was the member calling into the meeting unless otherwise specified. Additionally, the reporting requirement applies only to meetings held under Code § 2.2-3708 (which requires remote locations to be open to the public), but several reports were received concerning meetings held under Code § 2.2-3708.1 (which does not require remote locations open to the public). It was not always clear which type of electronic meeting was being reported, but to the extent possible reports concerning meetings held under § 2.2-3708.1 were not included in the chart below. Similarly, reports of meetings held under the provisions of § 2.2-3708 concerning Governor-declared emergencies and meetings where members called in to monitor the meeting (but did not participate) were also omitted because such meetings also do not require remote locations to be open to the public.

| Year | Total Number of Electronic Meetings | Number of meetings where non-members attended from remote location |
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| 2012 | 72 | 10 (includes state agency staff, legislative aides, interpreters, student/faculty/staff representatives to board of visitors, one media representative, three meetings where public listened via teleconference, one where public was present at remote location, three where it was only stated that two persons were present at the remote location) |
| 2013 | 54 | 0 |
| 2014 | 65 | 3 (includes guest speaker at one meeting, two where it was only stated that two persons were present at the remote location) |
| 2015 | 57 | 0 |
| 2016 | 45 | 0 |