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HOUSE BILL 26-1068

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE**
102 **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR**
103 **LEGISLATORS TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN MEETINGS OF**
104 **COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF MEMBERS FROM BOTH CHAMBERS**
105 **THAT ARE HELD AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. Under current law, the executive committee of the legislative council (executive

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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committee) is authorized to adopt policies regarding the ability of members of the general assembly to remotely participate in interim committee meetings and in legislative proceedings during a disaster emergency. The bill expands the executive committee's authority to adopt policies to allow remote participation in meetings of any joint committees comprised of members from both chambers that are held at any time of the year.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-303, **amend**
3 (2)(h)(I)(A) and (2)(h)(II) as follows:

4 **2-3-303. Functions - report - definitions - repeal.**

5 (2) In addition to any other powers and duties set forth in law, the
6 executive committee of the legislative council has the following powers
7 and duties:

8 (h) (I) The power to allow members of the general assembly to
9 participate electronically in legislative proceedings and to recommend,
10 develop, and establish policies regarding electronic participation if so
11 allowed; except that, if allowed, electronic participation must only be
12 allowed for:

13 (A) Committee meetings occurring during the legislative interim
14 OR OTHER MEETINGS OF A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF MEMBERS FROM
15 BOTH CHAMBERS CONVENED AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR. THIS
16 SUBSECTION (2)(h)(I)(A) DOES NOT APPLY TO A JOINT MEETING OF ONE OR
17 MORE HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE AND ONE OR MORE SENATE
18 COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE; or

19 (II) A member participating electronically in a committee meeting
20 OCCURRING DURING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM pursuant to subsection
21 (2)(h)(I)(A) of this section is deemed to be in attendance of that
22 committee for the purpose of receiving compensation to which the

1 member is entitled under section 2-2-307 (3). Notwithstanding section
2 2-2-307 (3)(b), members participating electronically IN INTERIM
3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS are not entitled to reimbursement for any expenses
4 incurred in connection with such electronic participation.

5 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
8 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
9 institutions.