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HOUSE BILL

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Coleman,

BILL TOPIC: Remote Participation Policies for Joint Committees

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 SPECIFIED
104 COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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>.)

Under current law, the executive committee of the legislative council (executive committee) is authorized to adopt policies regarding the ability of members of the general assembly to remotely participate in

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

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.

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
23 member is entitled under section 2-2-307 (3). Notwithstanding section

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

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
7 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
8 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
9 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.