

**By** the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and Senator Wright

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to citizen volunteer advisory  
3           committees; amending s. 286.011, F.S.; authorizing  
4           specified regional citizen volunteer advisory  
5           committees to conduct public meetings and workshops by  
6           means of communications media technology; providing  
7           that the use of such technology by a member  
8           constitutes that member's presence at the meeting or  
9           workshop; requiring that such technology allow all  
10          persons to audibly communicate; providing notice  
11          requirements for public meetings or workshops  
12          conducted by means of communications media technology;  
13          providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 286.011,  
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19           286.011 Public meetings and records; public inspection;  
20 criminal and civil penalties.—

21           (9) (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, regional  
22 citizen volunteer advisory committees whose membership is  
23 composed solely of representatives from four or more counties  
24 may conduct public meetings and workshops by means of  
25 communications media technology as defined in s. 120.54(5)(b)2.  
26 An advisory committee member who participates in a public  
27 meeting or workshop by communications media technology is deemed  
28 to be present at the meeting or workshop. The use of  
29 communications media technology must allow for all persons

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30 attending the meeting or workshop to audibly communicate as if  
31 the person is physically present.

32 (b) The notice for a public meeting or workshop must state  
33 whether the meeting or workshop will be conducted using  
34 communications media technology, how an interested person may  
35 participate, and the location of facilities where communications  
36 media technology will be available during the meeting or  
37 workshop.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.