

# HB5868



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB5868**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 5/1

from Ch. 63, par. 1

Amends the General Assembly Organization Act. Provides that in times of pestilence or an emergency resulting from a domestic or foreign terrorist attack, members of the General Assembly may participate remotely and cast votes in sessions, by joint proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, and committees of either the House of Representatives or Senate may participate remotely pursuant to the rules of the chamber. Provides that the House of Representatives and the Senate shall adopt rules for remote participation. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The General Assembly Organization Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 5/1) (from Ch. 63, par. 1)

7 Sec. 1. (a) The ~~That the~~ sessions of the General Assembly  
8 shall be held at the seat of government: Provided, that the  
9 Governor may convene the General Assembly at some other place  
10 when it is necessary, in case of pestilence or public danger.

11 (b) In times of pestilence or an emergency resulting from a  
12 domestic or foreign terrorist attack, members may participate  
13 remotely and cast votes in sessions, by joint proclamation of  
14 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
15 of the Senate, and committees of either the House of  
16 Representatives or Senate may participate remotely pursuant to  
17 the rules of the chamber. The House of Representatives and the  
18 Senate shall adopt rules for remote participation. The rules of  
19 the chamber may not require that a quorum of the members be  
20 physically present at the location of the session or the  
21 committee meeting, and shall allow that a quorum may be  
22 established remotely. As used in this Section, "participate  
23 remotely" means simultaneous, interactive participation in

1 session or committee meeting by members not physically present,  
2 through means of communication technologies designed to  
3 accommodate and facilitate such simultaneous, interactive  
4 participation and where members of the public may view such  
5 meetings or sessions.

6 (Source: R.S. 1874, p. 555.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.