

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 2.01 and 7 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 120/2.01) (from Ch. 102, par. 42.01)

7 Sec. 2.01. All meetings required by this Act to be public
8 shall be held at specified times and places which are
9 convenient and open to the public. No meeting required by this
10 Act to be public shall be held on a legal holiday unless the
11 regular meeting day falls on that holiday.

12 A quorum of members of a public body must be physically
13 present at the location of an open meeting. If, however, an
14 open meeting of a public body (i) with statewide jurisdiction,
15 (ii) that is an Illinois library system with jurisdiction over
16 a specific geographic area of more than 4,500 square miles, ~~or~~
17 (iii) that is a municipal transit district with jurisdiction
18 over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500 square
19 miles, or (iv) that is a local workforce investment area with
20 jurisdiction over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500
21 square miles is held simultaneously at one of its offices and
22 one or more other locations in a public building, which may
23 include other of its offices, through an interactive video

1 conference and the public body provides public notice and
2 public access as required under this Act for all locations,
3 then members physically present in those locations all count
4 towards determining a quorum. "Public building", as used in
5 this Section, means any building or portion thereof owned or
6 leased by any public body. The requirement that a quorum be
7 physically present at the location of an open meeting shall not
8 apply, however, to State advisory boards or bodies that do not
9 have authority to make binding recommendations or
10 determinations or to take any other substantive action.

11 A quorum of members of a public body that is not (i) a
12 public body with statewide jurisdiction, (ii) an Illinois
13 library system with jurisdiction over a specific geographic
14 area of more than 4,500 square miles, ~~or~~ (iii) a municipal
15 transit district with jurisdiction over a specific geographic
16 area of more than 4,500 square miles, or (iv) a local workforce
17 investment area with jurisdiction over a specific geographic
18 area of more than 4,500 square miles must be physically present
19 at the location of a closed meeting. Other members who are not
20 physically present at a closed meeting of such a public body
21 may participate in the meeting by means of a video or audio
22 conference. For the purposes of this Section, "local workforce
23 investment area" means any local workforce investment area or
24 areas designated by the Governor pursuant to the federal
25 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or its reauthorizing
26 legislation.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-664, eff. 8-25-09; 96-1043, eff. 1-1-11.)".

2 (5 ILCS 120/7)

3 Sec. 7. Attendance by a means other than physical presence.

4 (a) If a quorum of the members of the public body is
5 physically present as required by Section 2.01, a majority of
6 the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the
7 meeting by other means if the member is prevented from
8 physically attending because of: (i) personal illness or
9 disability; (ii) employment purposes or the business of the
10 public body; or (iii) a family or other emergency. "Other
11 means" is by video or audio conference.

12 (b) If a member wishes to attend a meeting by other means,
13 the member must notify the recording secretary or clerk of the
14 public body before the meeting unless advance notice is
15 impractical.

16 (c) A majority of the public body may allow a member to
17 attend a meeting by other means only in accordance with and to
18 the extent allowed by rules adopted by the public body. The
19 rules must conform to the requirements and restrictions of this
20 Section, may further limit the extent to which attendance by
21 other means is allowed, and may provide for the giving of
22 additional notice to the public or further facilitate public
23 access to meetings.

24 (d) The limitations of this Section shall not apply to (i)
25 closed meetings of (A) public bodies with statewide

1 jurisdiction, (B) Illinois library systems with jurisdiction
2 over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500 square
3 miles, ~~or~~ (C) municipal transit districts with jurisdiction
4 over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500 square
5 miles, or (D) local workforce investment areas with
6 jurisdiction over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500
7 square miles or (ii) open or closed meetings of State advisory
8 boards or bodies that do not have authority to make binding
9 recommendations or determinations or to take any other
10 substantive action. State advisory boards or bodies, public
11 bodies with statewide jurisdiction, Illinois library systems
12 with jurisdiction over a specific geographic area of more than
13 4,500 square miles, ~~and~~ municipal transit districts with
14 jurisdiction over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500
15 square miles, and local workforce investment areas with
16 jurisdiction over a specific geographic area of more than 4,500
17 square miles, however, may permit members to attend meetings by
18 other means only in accordance with and to the extent allowed
19 by specific procedural rules adopted by the body. For the
20 purposes of this Section, "local workforce investment area"
21 means any local workforce investment area or areas designated
22 by the Governor pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment
23 Act of 1998 or its reauthorizing legislation.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-664, eff. 8-25-09; 96-1043, eff. 1-1-11.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.