
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5315

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBER PARTICIPATION DURING REMOTE AND HYBRID MUNICIPAL PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

SUMMARY

This bill generally requires members of certain municipal public agencies participating in a public meeting remotely to (1) do so with electronic equipment that can transmit video and (2) be visible, to the extent practicable, when speaking during a debate or casting a vote. Under the bill, however, the members do not have to be visible if there is an interruption, failure, or degradation of their connection; a lack of adequate Internet access or capable equipment; or similar technical issues.

The bill applies to members of municipal legislative bodies, boards of finance, and local or regional boards of education. A “municipality” is any town, city or borough, consolidated town and city, or consolidated town and borough.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)