

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2915**

**BY: Senator(s) Chaney**

1           **AMEND by inserting after line 64 the following section and**  
2 **renumbering subsequent section(s) accordingly:**

3           **SECTION \*.** Section 25-41-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
4 amended as follows:

5           25-41-5. (1) All official meetings of any public body,  
6 unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in the Constitutions  
7 of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, are  
8 declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at  
9 all times unless declared an executive session as provided in  
10 Section 25-41-7.

11           (2) A public body may conduct any meeting, other than an  
12 executive session called pursuant to Section 25-41-7, wherein  
13 public business is discussed or transacted, through teleconference  
14 or video means. \* \* \* A quorum of the public body may be  
15 physically assembled at different locations for the purpose of  
16 conducting a meeting \* \* \* through teleconference or video means  
17 provided their participation is available to the general public.

18           (3) (a) Notice of any meetings held pursuant to subsection  
19 (2) of this section shall be provided at least thirty (30) days in  
20 advance of the date scheduled for the meeting. The notice shall  
21 include the date, time, place and purpose for the meeting and  
22 shall identify the locations for the meeting. All locations for  
23 the meeting shall be made accessible to the public. All persons

24 attending the meeting at any of the meeting locations shall be  
25 afforded the same opportunity to address the public body as  
26 persons attending the primary or central location. Any  
27 interruption in the teleconference or video broadcast of the  
28 meeting shall result in the suspension of action at the meeting  
29 until repairs are made and public access restored.

30 (b) Thirty-day notice shall not be required for  
31 teleconference or video meetings continued to address an emergency  
32 as provided in subsection (5) of this section or to conclude the  
33 agenda of a teleconference or video meeting of the public body for  
34 which the proper notice has been given, when the date, time, place  
35 and purpose of the continued meeting are set during the meeting  
36 prior to adjournment.

37 (4) An agenda and materials that will be distributed to  
38 members of the public body and that have been made available to  
39 the staff of the public body in sufficient time for duplication  
40 and forwarding to all locations where public access will be  
41 provided shall be made available to the public at the time of the  
42 meeting. Minutes of all meetings held by teleconference or video  
43 means shall be recorded as required by Section 25-41-11. Votes  
44 taken during any meeting conducted through teleconference or video  
45 means shall be recorded by name in roll-call fashion and included  
46 in the minutes. In addition, the public body shall make an audio  
47 recording of the meeting, if a teleconference medium is used, or  
48 an audio/visual recording, if the meeting is held by video means.  
49 The recording shall be preserved by the public body for a period  
50 of three (3) years following the date of the meeting and shall be  
51 available to the public.

52 (5) A public body may meet by teleconference or video means  
53 as often as needed if an emergency exists and the public body is  
54 unable to meet in regular session. Public bodies conducting  
55 emergency meetings through teleconference or video means shall

56 comply with the provisions of subsection (4) of this section  
57 requiring minutes, recordation and preservation of the audio or  
58 audio/visual recording of the meeting. The nature of the  
59 emergency shall be stated in the minutes.

60 **FURTHER, AMEND the title by inserting the following after the**  
61 **semicolon on line 4:**

62 TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A  
63 QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY TO ASSEMBLE AT DIFFERENT  
64 PHYSICAL LOCATIONS AND MEET THROUGH TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO MEANS;