

Amendment to HB 308

1 Amend RSA 91-A:2, IV(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 (a) A state board covered by this paragraph may vote to allow one or more members to
4 participate in a meeting remotely only when physical attendance at the meeting site is not
5 reasonably practicable. Any reason that such attendance is not reasonably practicable shall be
6 stated in the minutes of the meeting. The authority granted under this paragraph may be revoked,
7 renewed, or modified in the same manner as it is approved.
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9 Amend RSA 91-A:2, IV(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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11 (b) At least one-third of the total membership of the state board shall be present at the
12 physical location of the meeting. Each member participating electronically or otherwise shall be able
13 to contemporaneously and throughout the meeting see and hear, and be seen and heard by, the other
14 members of the public body attending the meeting and members of the public in attendance at the
15 meeting site. A member participating in a meeting remotely as described in this paragraph is
16 deemed to be present for all purposes, including for determination of a quorum and voting. Each
17 member participating remotely shall identify the persons present in the location from which the
18 member is participating. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote. Members
19 of the public shall be permitted to participate remotely in remotely held state board meetings,
20 including testifying or asking questions as the rules and procedures of the board allow.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows for certain state boards to vote to allow one or more members to participate in a meeting remotely when physical attendance at the meeting site is not reasonably practicable and permits members of the public to participate remotely in these remote meetings.