

**HB 80 - AS INTRODUCED**

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **80**

AN ACT allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable and providing that physical presence is necessary for voting.

SPONSORS: Rep. L. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Bailey, Straf. 2

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires a public body's member to be physically present at a meeting unless physical presence is unavoidable and provides that physical presence is required for voting.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT                    allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable and providing that physical presence is necessary for voting.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Attendance For Participation In Meeting. Amend RSA 91-A:2, III(a) to read as follows:

2                    (a) A member of the public body may participate in a meeting other than by attendance  
3 in person at the location of the meeting only when such attendance is [~~not reasonably practical~~]  
4 **unavoidable**. Any reason that such attendance is [~~not reasonably practical~~] **unavoidable** shall be  
5 stated in the minutes of the meeting.

6            2 Physical Attendance Required For Voting. Amend RSA 91-A:2, III(e) to read as follows:

7                    (e) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is  
8 deemed to be present at the meeting **except** for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a  
9 meeting shall be by roll call vote.

10           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.