

HB 80 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

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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.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a public body's member to be physically present at a meeting unless physical presence is unavoidable.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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