

**Second Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 16-0245.01 Kate Meyer x4348

**HOUSE BILL 16-1139**

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**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
102 **DURING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

The bill gives the executive committee of the legislative council the power and duty to consider, recommend, and establish policies regarding electronic participation by senators or representatives in committee meetings during the legislative interim.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 9, 2016

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 8, 2016

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-303, **add** (2) (h)  
3 as follows:

4           **2-3-303. Functions - report - definitions - report - repeal.**

5 (2) In addition to any other powers and duties set forth in law, the  
6 executive committee of the legislative council has the following powers  
7 and duties:

8           (h) (I) (A) TO CONSIDER, RECOMMEND, AND ESTABLISH POLICIES  
9 ALLOWING SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE  
10 ELECTRONICALLY IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS OCCURRING DURING THE  
11 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM. SUCH ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO  
12 COMMITTEE MEETINGS TAKING PLACE AT THE STATE CAPITOL AND MUST  
13 BE CONDUCTED VIA VIDEO.

14           (B) AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (h), "COMMITTEE" MEANS ANY  
15 COMMITTEE THAT IS STAFFED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
16 SERVICE AGENCIES.

17           (II) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE MUST BE  
18 ATTENDING A MEETING IN PERSON IN ORDER FOR THE COMMITTEE TO VOTE  
19 ON ANY MATTER AT THAT MEETING, AND ONLY THOSE MEMBERS  
20 ATTENDING IN PERSON ARE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY MATTER BEFORE  
21 THE COMMITTEE.

22           (III) A SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATING  
23 ELECTRONICALLY IN A COMMITTEE MEETING PURSUANT TO THIS  
24 PARAGRAPH (h) IS DEEMED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE OF THAT COMMITTEE  
25 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMPENSATION TO WHICH THE MEMBER  
26 IS ENTITLED UNDER SECTION 2-2-307 (3). NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION

1 2-2-307 (3) (b), MEMBERS PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY ARE NOT  
2 ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
3 CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION.

4 (IV) THIS PARAGRAPH (h) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.  
5 PRIOR TO THAT REPEAL, BUT DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF  
6 THE SEVENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF  
7 THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT SETTING FORTH HOW MANY MEMBERS  
9 ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATED IN COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO THIS  
10 PARAGRAPH (h), ANY TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED, OR OTHER  
11 PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING SUCH ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION, THE  
12 QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, ANY COSTS  
13 INCURRED OR SAVINGS REALIZED ATTRIBUTABLE TO ELECTRONIC  
14 PARTICIPATION, AND ANY FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM LEGISLATORS OR  
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH REGARD TO ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION.

16 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.