

House File 2275 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to remote participation in legislative
2 business.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2.34 Legislative proceedings —
2 remote participation.

3 1. Each member of the general assembly shall be allowed
4 to vote, debate, and otherwise participate in all forms
5 of legislative business in which the member is entitled
6 to participate, including committee meetings, subcommittee
7 meetings, meetings of political caucuses, and debates and votes
8 on the chamber floor, by means of remote audio and visual
9 technology.

10 2. Each member of the public shall be allowed to view all
11 forms of legislative business that are open to the public by
12 means of remote audio and visual technology. Each member
13 of the public shall also be allowed to participate in such
14 business by means of remote audio and visual technology to the
15 extent that public participation is allowed.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to remote participation in legislative
20 business. The bill requires that members of the general
21 assembly be allowed to participate and vote in all forms
22 of legislative business in which the member is entitled to
23 participate by means of remote audio and visual technology.
24 The bill also requires that members of the public be allowed
25 to view all forms of legislative business that are open to the
26 public by means of remote audio and visual technology, and to
27 participate using such methods as appropriate.