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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to sessions of the general assembly and
2 including effective date provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 2.1, Code 2021, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **2.1 Sessions — place — voting.**

4 1. The sessions of the general assembly shall be held
5 annually at the seat of government, unless the governor shall
6 convene them at some other place in times of pestilence or
7 public danger or unless the general assembly, by concurrent
8 resolution, otherwise provides during a time of emergency.
9 Each annual session of the general assembly shall commence
10 on the second Monday in January of each year. The general
11 assembly may recess from time to time during each year in such
12 manner as it may provide, subject to Article III, section 14 of
13 the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

14 2. A concurrent resolution adopted pursuant to this section
15 may provide for rules permitting voting to occur by means of
16 distance voting or remote electronic voting.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
18 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill provides that the general assembly, by concurrent
23 resolution, may authorize sessions of the general assembly to
24 be held at a location other than the seat of government during
25 a time of emergency. The bill provides that the concurrent
26 resolution may provide for rules permitting distance voting
27 or remote electronic voting. The bill takes effect upon
28 enactment.