

**501A.602 Emergency powers.**

1. In anticipation of or during an emergency as defined in [this section](#), the board may do any of the following:

a. Modify lines of succession to accommodate the incapacity of any director, officer, employee, or agent.

b. Relocate the principal office, designate alternative principal offices or regional offices, or authorize the officers to do so.

2. During an emergency, unless emergency bylaws provide otherwise, all of the following apply:

a. A notice of a meeting of the board need be given only to those directors to whom it is practicable to reach and may be given in any practicable manner, including by publication or radio.

b. One or more officers of the cooperative present at a meeting of the board may be deemed to be directors for the meeting, in order of rank and within the same rank in order of seniority, as necessary to achieve a quorum.

3. All of the following apply to cooperative action taken in good faith during an emergency under [this section](#) to further the ordinary business affairs of the cooperative:

a. The action binds the cooperative.

b. The action shall not be the basis for the imposition of liability on any director, officer, employee, or agent of the cooperative on the grounds that the action was not an authorized cooperative action.

4. An emergency exists for purposes of [this section](#) if a quorum of the directors cannot readily be obtained because of a catastrophic event.

[2005 Acts, ch 135, §33](#)

Emergency bylaws, see [§501A.506](#)