



March 18, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes council members for the City of Crossville to participate in council meetings via electronic means.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017331): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes, during a declared state of emergency, certain governing bodies to hold meetings via electronic means without a quorum physically present during certain emergency situations, under certain conditions. Repeals the provisions of the proposed legislation on February 15, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed language:
 - Is applicable to all governing bodies subject to the Sunshine Law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1;
 - Authorizes meetings via electronic means if the governing body determines an emergency necessitates the meeting be held via electronic means to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or other related epidemics to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and members of the governing body;
 - Requires all meetings held via electronic means to comply with all other requirements of the Sunshine Law;
 - Requires public access to the meeting recordings within 48 hours of the meeting in certain circumstances;
 - Requires all votes cast during such meeting to be roll call votes;
 - Establishes that members participating via electronic means are present of purposes of a quorum and voting, but not in determining per diem eligibility; and
 - Repeals the provisions of the proposed legislation on February 15, 2021.

- This analysis assumes such governing bodies:
 - Will not require the purchase of additional infrastructure in order to accomplish participation via electronic means; and
 - Will opt to maintain current per diem compensation to members participating electronically.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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