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3 AMENDMENT TO SB147, AS ENGROSSED
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8 On page 1, line 13, after "means;" insert the
9 following:

10 to add Section 36-25A-5.2 to the Code of Alabama
11 1975, to provide for electronic attendance at meetings of
12 local governmental bodies by members and the public;
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14 On page 4, after line 22, insert a new Section 2 as
15 follows and renumber the subsequent section accordingly:

16 Section 2. Section 36-25A-5.2 is added to the Code
17 of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

18 §36-25A-5.2.

19 (a) Any governmental body as defined in Section
20 36-25A-2 that is a county, a municipality, or an entity
21 established by or whose members are appointed by a county or
22 municipality may allow participation in a meeting of that body
23 by means of telephone conference, video conference, or other
24 similar communications equipment that allows all participants
25 to hear one another at the same time; provided, that both of
26 the following conditions are fulfilled:

1 (1) No less than a quorum of the members of the
2 governmental body are physically present at the physical
3 location required by subsection (d).

4 (2) The members of the body participating by
5 electronic means are unable to be physically present at the
6 meeting due to illness.

7 (b) Participation by electronic means as authorized
8 in this section shall constitute presence in person at the
9 meeting for all purposes, except for the establishment of a
10 quorum.

11 (c) At least 45 days before the first meeting that a
12 governmental body uses electronic means of communication as
13 authorized by this section, the body shall adopt an electronic
14 meeting policy detailing the procedures and communications
15 equipment that will be used, how the public may access the
16 meeting, and how voting will be conducted.

17 (d) Each meeting in which members of a governmental
18 body are participating by electronic means as authorized in
19 this section shall be held at a physical location available
20 for persons wishing to be physically present, at which any
21 interested member of the public shall be able to hear all
22 persons who are participating remotely.

23 (e) Any vote taken at a meeting utilizing the
24 equipment authorized by subsection (a) shall be taken as a
25 roll call vote that allows each participant to vote
26 individually in a manner audible to all persons participating

1 or present at the physical location provided for in subsection
2 (d).

3 (f) A member participating in a meeting by
4 electronic means as provided by this section may not claim any
5 form of reimbursement for expenses relating to that meeting,
6 including mileage.