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HOUSE BILL 453

Short Title: Cabarrus County/Members Participate Remotely. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Baker, Crutchfield, and Staton-Williams (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 23, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CABARRUS COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN BOARD MEETINGS BY
SIMULTANEOUS COMMUNICATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-43 reads as rewritten:

"§ 153A-43. **Quorum.**

(a) A majority of the membership of the board of commissioners constitutes a quorum. The number required for a quorum is not affected by vacancies. If a member has withdrawn from a meeting without being excused by majority vote of the remaining members present, he or she shall be counted as present for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. The board may compel the attendance of an absent member by ordering the sheriff to take the member into custody.

(b) Any member present by means of simultaneous ~~communication in accordance with G.S. 166A-19.24~~ communication, as that term is defined in G.S. 166A-19.24, shall be counted as present for the purposes of whether a quorum is present only during the period while simultaneous communication is maintained for that member. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 166A-19.24, no declaration of emergency shall be required for a member of the board of commissioners to participate in a meeting by means of simultaneous communication; provided, however, if a member participates in a meeting by simultaneous communication, the board of commissioners shall comply with the requirements of G.S. 166A-19.24."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to Cabarrus County.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to meetings held on or after that date.

