

CHAPTER 2006-350

House Bill No. 1335

An act relating to Monroe County; providing definitions; authorizing teleconferencing attendance by county commissioners to qualify for a quorum at certain meetings; requiring compliance with certain public meetings laws; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Board" means the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County.

(b) "Special meeting" means a public meeting of the board at which official action is taken, but does not include regular monthly meetings of the board.

(c) "Teleconferencing equipment" means the electronic transmission of audio, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available that allows a person in one location to meet with another person in a different location.

(2) Notwithstanding section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes, one or more board members participating through the use of teleconferencing equipment shall be deemed in attendance for purposes of establishing a quorum of board members for a special meeting.

(3) Special meetings authorized through this section must comply with the provisions of sections 286.0105, 286.011, and 286.012, Florida Statutes.

(4) This section is repealed June 30, 2007.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2006.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 23, 2006.