

CHAPTER 2020-122

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1398

An act relating to community planning; amending s. 120.525, F.S.; providing requirements for establishing a quorum for meetings of certain councils when a voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requiring the member to give notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by a specified time; amending s. 163.3168, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties and municipalities when selecting applications for funding for technical assistance; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 120.525, Florida Statutes, to read:

120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.—

(4) For purposes of establishing a quorum at meetings of regional planning councils that cover three or more counties, a voting member who appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication that is broadcast publicly at the meeting location may be counted toward the quorum requirement if at least one-third of the voting members of the regional planning council are physically present at the meeting location. A member must provide oral, written, or electronic notice of his or her intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication to the regional planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

Section 2. Present subsection (4) of section 163.3168, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

163.3168 Planning innovations and technical assistance.—

(4) When selecting applications for funding for technical assistance, the state land planning agency shall give a preference to a county that has a population of 200,000 or less, and to a municipality located within such a county, for assistance in determining whether the area in and around a proposed multiuse corridor interchange as described in s. 338.2278 contains appropriate land uses and natural resource protections and for aid in developing or amending a local government's comprehensive plan to provide for such uses, protections, and intended benefits as provided in s. 338.2278.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Approved by the Governor June 29, 2020.

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