

Amend CSSB 1952 by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering the subsequent ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE ____ . TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

SECTION ____ .01. Section 322.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) As an exception to Chapter 551 and other law, if the chairman and vice-chairman of the board are physically present at a meeting, then any number of the other members of the board may attend a meeting of the board by use of telephone conference call, video conference call, or other similar telecommunication device. This subsection applies for purposes of constituting a quorum, for purposes of voting, and for any other purpose allowing a member of the board to otherwise fully participate in any meeting of the board. This subsection applies without exception with regard to the subject of the meeting or topics considered by the members.

(e) A meeting held by use of telephone conference call, video conference call, or other similar telecommunication device:

(1) is subject to the notice requirements applicable to other meetings;

(2) must specify in the notice of the meeting the location of the meeting;

(3) must be open to the public and shall be audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting; and

(4) must provide two-way audio communication between all parties attending the meeting during the entire meeting.