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SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, That Article XI of the Temporary Rules of the Senate, 87th Legislature, be amended by adding Rule 11.21 to read as follows:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON REDISTRICTING USING VIDEOCONFERENCING

Rule 11.21. (a) A committee, including a subcommittee or special committee, shall allow the use of two-way videoconferencing to facilitate testimony from the general public during:

(1) a public hearing on a redistricting bill; or

(2) a hearing, including a regional hearing, to solicit public input on redistricting.

(b) A witness testifying by videoconference must be clearly visible and audible to the committee members. A committee member questioning a witness by videoconference must be clearly visible and audible to the witness and the committee members.

(c) A witness testifying by videoconference must submit a witness affirmation form before testifying.

(d) In case of any conflict, this rule prevails over a conflicting Senate or committee rule.