

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 2145
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2025; March 24, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 April 16, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of the advisory body of a public
 1-22 improvement district and the board of directors of a reinvestment
 1-23 zone to hold a meeting by a telecommunication device.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Local Government
 1-26 Code, is amended by adding Section 372.0081 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 372.0081. ADVISORY BODY MEETINGS BY TELECOMMUNICATION
 1-28 DEVICE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if a member of an
 1-29 advisory body appointed under Section 372.008 is physically present
 1-30 at a meeting of the advisory body, any number of the other members
 1-31 of the advisory body may attend the meeting by use of telephone
 1-32 conference call, video conference call, or other similar
 1-33 telecommunication device. A member of the advisory body who
 1-34 attends a meeting via a telecommunication device is considered
 1-35 present for purposes of constituting a quorum, voting, and any
 1-36 other form of participation in the meeting. This subsection
 1-37 applies regardless of the subject of the meeting or topics
 1-38 considered at the meeting.

1-39 (b) If an advisory body holds a meeting using a
 1-40 telecommunication device in the manner provided by Subsection (a),
 1-41 the advisory body must provide two-way audio communication between
 1-42 board members attending the meeting and, if the two-way audio
 1-43 communication link with a member is disrupted, stop the meeting
 1-44 until the link is reestablished.

1-45 SECTION 2. Chapter 311, Tax Code, is amended by adding
 1-46 Section 311.0093 to read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 311.0093. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS BY
 1-48 TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE. (a) Notwithstanding Chapter 551,
 1-49 Government Code, or any other law, if the chair or vice chair of the
 1-50 board of directors of a reinvestment zone is physically present at a
 1-51 meeting of the board, any number of the other members of the board
 1-52 may attend the meeting by use of telephone conference call, video
 1-53 conference call, or other similar telecommunication device. A
 1-54 member of the board who attends a meeting via a telecommunication
 1-55 device is considered present for purposes of constituting a quorum,
 1-56 voting, and any other form of participation in the board meeting.
 1-57 This subsection applies regardless of the subject of the meeting or
 1-58 topics considered at the meeting.

1-59 (b) If the board holds a meeting using a telecommunication
 1-60 device in the manner provided by Subsection (a):

1-61 (1) the meeting is subject to the notice requirements

2-1 for other meetings;
2-2 (2) the board must specify in the notice the location
2-3 of the meeting at which the chair or vice chair will be physically
2-4 present;
2-5 (3) the board must make the meeting open and audible to
2-6 the public at the location specified under Subdivision (2); and
2-7 (4) the board must provide two-way audio communication
2-8 between board members attending the meeting and, if the two-way
2-9 audio communication link with a member is disrupted, stop the
2-10 meeting until the link is reestablished.

2-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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