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House Bill 4346 (Substitute H-3 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Kevin Coleman

House Committee: Local Government and Municipal Finance

Senate Committee: Local Government

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Open Meetings Act to allow municipal public employee retirement boards and certain joint agencies to meet remotely.

MCL 15.263a

BRIEF RATIONALE

Prohibiting remote meetings is expensive for many public bodies and decreases the likelihood of public participation. According to testimony, public bodies that represent organizations with members across Michigan may have significant financial expenses to attend a centralized, in-person meeting. Additionally, individuals are more likely to attend an in-person meeting if they are able to attend without driving a long distance. Tuning in to a meeting held over the telephone or over a video conference could increase transparency and public participation because people could attend the meeting more reliably.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is similar to House Bill 5427 from the 2021-2022 Legislative Session. House Bill 5427 was passed by the House and reported by the Senate Committee on Local Government but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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