

1 H.948

2 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal quasi-judicial
5 proceedings; temporary provisions

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
7 municipalities to hold any municipal quasi-judicial proceeding through
8 electronic means and suspend requirements for certain in-person inspections of
9 property subject to appeal.

10 An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response
11 to the COVID-19 outbreak

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. MUNICIPAL QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS; TEMPORARY
14 SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON HEARING AND INSPECTION
15 REQUIREMENTS

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, during a declared
17 state of emergency under 20 V.S.A. chapter 1 due to COVID-19, a
18 municipality is authorized to conduct any municipal quasi-judicial proceeding
19 through electronic means, provided that the municipality complies with all

1 other requirements for the conduct of the proceeding. The municipality shall
2 not be required to designate a physical location for the proceeding.

3 (b) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 4404(c), during a declared state of
4 emergency under 20 V.S.A. chapter 1 due to COVID-19, a board of civil
5 authority shall not be required to physically inspect any property that is the
6 subject of an appeal.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.