

**State of Vermont**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**



**House Resolution**

**H.R. 22**

House resolution allowing for the House of Representatives to vote remotely to extend the House Declaration of Emergency

Offered by Committee on Rules

Whereas Governor Philip B. Scott declared a state of emergency with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic until July 15, 2020; and

Whereas the House of Representatives declared a State of Emergency until June 30, 2020, and

Whereas the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines for people to maintain a safe social distance of six feet and minimize gatherings to reduce the infection rates of COVID-19, and

Whereas in order for the House of Representatives to conduct its business, the standing committees and panels of the House of Representatives may participate remotely, and

Whereas the House of Representatives Panels on Sexual Harassment Prevention, Ethics, and Discrimination and House Rules are granted the ability to vote remotely; and

Whereas to allow standing committees and panels of the House of Representatives to resume voting remotely the House of Representatives must vote to extend its Declaration of Emergency; and

Whereas standing committees of the House of Representatives may meet during the recess with the permission of the Speaker of the House as is custom and may do so remotely; and

Whereas the House of Representatives may convene remotely and vote remotely during the recess to extend its Declaration of Emergency; now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House of Representatives may reinstate the House Declaration of Emergency by a remote vote when the House of Representatives reconvenes.

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**Mitzi Johnson**  
**Speaker of the House**

**Attested to:**

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**William M. MaGill**  
**Clerk, House of Representatives**