

1 Introduced by Senate Committee on Government Operations

2 Date:

3 Subject: Municipal and county government; quasi-judicial proceedings;
4 temporary suspension of physical meeting requirements

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to temporarily
6 permit municipalities to hold any quasi-judicial proceeding through electronic
7 means and to temporarily suspend the requirement for the in-person inspection
8 of properties subject to a grand list appeal.

9 An act relating to temporary municipal quasi-judicial proceeding provisions
10 in response to COVID-19

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

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

15 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, during a declared
16 state of emergency under 20 V.S.A. chapter 1 due to COVID-19, a
17 municipality is authorized to conduct any municipal quasi-judicial proceeding
18 through electronic means, provided that the municipality complies with all
19 other requirements for the conduct of the proceeding. The municipality shall
20 not be required to designate a physical location for the proceeding.

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

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.