

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Joint House Resolution

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Joint resolution authorizing remote participation in joint committees through the remainder of 2022 for members with a disability as an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act

Offered by: Representative Killacky of South Burlington

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That Temporary Joint Rule 22A is amended to read as follows:

Rule 22A. Temporary Rule Regarding Joint Committee Meetings

(a)(1) Joint committees shall return to in-person legislating, except that a member of a joint committee may debate and vote remotely in that committee if the member notifies the committee's chair or a co-chair, as applicable, that the member meets one of the following conditions:

(A) the member has tested positive for COVID-19 and is within a required period of isolation;

(B) the member has been exposed to COVID-19 as a close contact and is within a required term of quarantine;

(C) the member has COVID-19 symptoms and is awaiting the results of a PCR test;

(D) the member has a household member who relies on the member for caregiving and the household member is required to be home due to one of the reasons set forth in subdivisions (A)–(C) of this subdivision (1) or because such a household member's daycare or school program has a short-term closure due to COVID-19; or

(E) the member provides to the joint committee chair or a co-chair, as applicable, written documentation from a health care provider indicating that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic requires the member to participate remotely due to the member's health condition; or

(F) the member has a disability and, upon the member's request, is approved for remote participation as an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act by the chair or co-chair, as applicable, who shall consult with the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Office of Legislative Human Resources in considering any such request.

(2) The definitions, required time periods, and testing referenced in ~~subdivision (1)~~ subdivisions (1)(A)–(E) of this subsection are those provided by Vermont Department of Health guidelines, including any revisions or updates.

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(c) The remote authority set forth in this rule shall remain in effect through December 31, 2022.

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Jill Krowinski
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

Attested to:

BetsyAnn Wrask
Clerk, House of Representatives