RECENTLY SIGNED LEGISLATION: AB 2449 (RUBIO)

- If quorum of members at same location in person
  - Then some may participate via teleconference
  - Non-emergency: just cause and provides notice
  - Emergency provisions as well
  - Limited to 3 months or 20% of regular meetings
- Must have both video and sound
- All votes still by roll call
- Teleconference disruption precludes taking any action
- Must disclose all people 18+ in the location
- In effect until Jan 1, 2026
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Emergency circumstances: physical or family medical emergency

The legislative body shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt under existing law, such as the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act.

Bodies take action at the earliest opportunity even if it is the day of the meeting.
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- Just cause:
  - Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
  - Contagious illness
  - Physical or mental disability not otherwise accommodated
  - Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency
  - Can only be used twice in a calendar year

*Cannot be used to participate remotely "for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year"