

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 3415 modifies the definition of "emergency meeting" as used in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act to include meetings necessitated by a public health emergency. The measure allows a public body to hold meetings and executive sessions by electronic means. Members of public bodies, excluding members serving on a virtual charter school, are prohibited from participating in more than half of the regular and special meetings electronically in any calendar year. Private electronic communications concerning public business is prohibited during a public meeting by members of the governing body. Meetings are to be public and must indicate if the meeting includes electronic or in-person participation, including the electronic source that may be utilized to access the meeting so that the public may participate. The measure provides that the prohibition of establishing a quorum utilizing electronic means exclusively for the purposes of conducting a public meeting is to be suspended statewide during a state of emergency declared by the Governor to respond to the threat of the public's peace, health and safety, or during a locally declared state of emergency declared by a mayor, school board president, or chairman of a board of county commissioners.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3415 makes modifications to the Open Meetings Act, permitting certain electronic interaction. The changes are generally permissive in nature and provide additional options, as opposed to mandated changes. For this reason the measure is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or state revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.