

The bill which updates Section 3 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, will deem electronic meetings that took place since March 18, 2020, valid if the public body complied with requirements contained in the bill, and allow virtual meetings to continue until December 31, 2020, for any circumstance.

From January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021 only, any member of a public body could meet electronically due to three reasons:

- Military duty (current law)
- Medical condition defined as an illness, injury, disability, or other health-related condition substantiated in writing by a medical provider (without disclosure of private medical information or diagnosis)
- Statewide or local state of emergency declared that would risk the personal health/safety of the public or members of the public body

Here is a link to the Senate concurred bill that has gone to the Governor's desk (we expect this to pass quickly):

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/billconcurrent/Senate/pdf/2020-SCB-1108.pdf>