

SB 170 -- ROLL CALL VOTES BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

SPONSOR: Chappelle-Nadal (Curtman)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, a vote taken by roll call in a meeting consisting of the members of an elected public governmental body, except for the General Assembly and any committee of a public governmental body, must be cast by a member who is physically present and in attendance at the meeting. This bill allows a member of a public governmental body to cast a vote if he or she is participating in the meeting via videoconferencing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that due to changes in technology, member of governmental bodies are frequently attending meetings via videoconferencing and are not allowed to vote using electronic means. This bill allows a member to vote when participating via videoconferencing. The bill will not impact the General Assembly.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Chappelle-Nadal; Missouri School Boards Association; and Mike Lodewegen, School Administrators Coalition.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.