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SENATE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 446, L.D. 1241, Bill, "An Act To Increase Government Efficiency"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 1, lines 13 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. Each member can hear all other members, speak to all other members and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all other members by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication during the public proceeding, and members of the public attending the public proceeding at the location identified in the notice required by Title 1, section 406 are able to hear and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all members participating from other locations by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 12 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. Each member can hear all other members, speak to all other members and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all other members by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication during the public proceeding, and members of the public attending the public proceeding at the location identified in the notice required by Title 1, section 406 are able to hear and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all members participating from other locations by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 3, lines 24 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(1) Each commissioner can hear all other commissioners, speak to all other commissioners and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all other commissioners by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication during the public proceeding, and members of the public attending the public proceeding at the location identified in the notice required by Title 1, section 406 are able to hear and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all commissioners participating from other locations by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication.'

1 Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 4 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 4,
2 lines 19 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

3 'A. Each commissioner can hear all other commissioners, speak to all other
4 commissioners and, to the extent reasonably practicable, see all other commissioners
5 by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication during the public
6 proceeding, and members of the public attending the public proceeding at the location
7 identified in the notice required by Title 1, section 406 are able to hear and, to the
8 extent reasonably practicable, see all commissioners participating from other
9 locations by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication.'

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment provides that when the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority,
12 the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, the Maine State Housing
13 Authority and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank conduct public proceedings with one or
14 more members of the board or commission participating via remote access technology,
15 each member, to the extent reasonably practicable, must be able to see all other members
16 by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication and members of the
17 public attending the public proceeding at the location identified in the required notice are
18 able, to the extent reasonably practicable, to see all members participating from other
19 locations by videoconferencing or other similar means of communication.

20 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

21 **(Senator KATZ)**

22 **COUNTY: Kennebec**