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An Act Regarding the Use of Remote-access Technology at Public Meetings of the Public Utilities Commission

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §108-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 36, §2, is amended to read:

A majority of the duly appointed commissioners constitutes a quorum and the act or decision of a majority of commissioners present, if at least a quorum is present, is the act or decision of the commission in any formal proceeding before the commission. Commissioners may participate in proceedings through telephonic, video, electronic or similar means of communication.

SUMMARY

This bill specifically authorizes the commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission to participate in proceedings of the commission through telephonic, video, electronic or similar means of communication.