

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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H.P. 921 - L.D. 1425

**An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 290, §1, is amended to read:

G. All votes taken during a public proceeding using remote methods must be taken by roll call vote that can be seen and heard if using video technology, and heard if using only audio technology, by the other members of the public body and the public; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 611, §2, is further amended to read:

H. The public body must make all documents and other materials considered by the public body available, electronically or otherwise, to the public who attend by remote methods to the same extent customarily available to members of the public who attend the proceedings of the public body in person, as long as additional costs are not incurred by the public body. The public body must make the proposed policy regarding remote participation available in advance of the meeting if meeting remotely under paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2); ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶I** is enacted to read:

I. When the public may attend a public proceeding by remote methods, the public body must allow members of the public to record the proceeding remotely using the same electronic platform that is used to conduct the proceeding remotely as long as the electronic platform allows participants other than the host to record the proceeding remotely, additional costs are not incurred by the public body and the recording of the proceeding does not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceeding.