



Monroe County Legislature

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, NY 14614

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No. <u>220283</u>
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Committee Assignment
AGENDA/CHARTER .L

Subject: Amending Article II of the Rules of the Legislature of the County of Monroe to Allow for Hybrid Remote Meeting Attendance

Honorable Legislators:

Last month, this Honorable Body passed enabling legislation (Intro. No. 213) to allow Public Bodies of the County of Monroe to hold hybrid remote meetings. Pursuant to State legislation, and recently adopted enabling legislation via Intro No. 213 of 2022, the Legislature and all Public Bodies of Monroe County must set in place rules and procedures for the allowance of such remote meeting attendance. The action set forth in this referral amends the rules of the legislature to establish procedures allowing for hybrid remote meeting attendance. This rule change closely reflects the Monroe County Legislature's current absence/attendance policy to include a similar procedure for hybrid meeting attendance.

The action in this referral is the final step that would allow for members of the Monroe County Legislature to participate if disability, an unforeseen circumstance, or other qualifying instance arose that would have previously precluded them from representing their constituents at a meeting. Since the beginning of the pandemic, videoconferencing has become a regular occurrence in everything from business to medical appointments, and adopting this rule would allow the Monroe County Legislature to join in that advancement.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Article II of the Rules of the Legislature of the County of Monroe by adopting the attached resolution.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action" as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR 617.5(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

Sincerely,

Steve Brew
Monroe County Legislature
Majority Leader

By Legislators ___ and ___

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2022

AMENDING ARTICLE II OF THE RULES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE TO ALLOW FOR HYBRID REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Article II, Section 545-10 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature is hereby amended by adding a new Section 545-10(D) to read as follows:

D. Hybrid Remote Meeting Attendance. In accordance with Local Law No. ___ of 2022, the President of the Legislature is empowered, in his/her sole discretion, to permit members to participate in meetings of the Legislature or any of its committees via videoconference upon a showing to and determination by the President that such member is unable to be physically present at one of the designated public meeting locations due to extraordinary circumstances. For purposes of this section, the term "extraordinary circumstances" includes disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Matter of Importance
File No. 22-___

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____