

*I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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***I MINA' TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
3 finds that a great deal of government inefficiency is due to the lack of quorum  
4 at several, if not all, board and commission meetings. Without a quorum,  
5 actions are delayed and pushed back to the next meeting. Meetings are many  
6 times conducted monthly, thus these delays cause for a very inefficient  
7 methodology. In addition to the concerns about having enough members  
8 present to move actions forward, the requirement for physical presence at

1 meetings excludes a great many in our community from participating in the  
2 government service. Often time, lack of transportation, physical disability,  
3 care-taking responsibilities and a myriad of other personal life concerns  
4 prevent members from attending board and commission meetings. In our  
5 present day technology affords an answer. The rapid advance in  
6 teleconferencing applications and the improvements in internet access and  
7 speed now allow for the use of these applications in our government.  
8 Applications such as Face Time, ZOOM, GotoMeeting and Skype are used  
9 extensively in the private sector and used for personal convenience. These  
10 applications are now capable of more than just seeing someone's face on a  
11 telephone call. These applications now have options to record proceedings,  
12 project slides and video to the group, screen sharing, and automatically  
13 generate transcripts. One great advantage is these applications are free or at a  
14 minimal monthly fee currently around \$15.00 per month and can be used  
15 across various platforms.

16 Using these applications will allow members to participate from home,  
17 when traveling, and even while parked along the road using their phone.

18 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the use of video live streaming,  
19 currently used in legislative proceedings, is an effective way of engaging with  
20 the community and increases transparency of government operations.

21 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the time is right to take further  
22 advantage of this technology to reduce government inefficiency and to allow  
23 greater access to our people to participate in the government service.

24 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* therefore intends to allow and encourage each  
25 government board and commission to use video teleconferencing and to  
26 develop rules and processes within their bylaws and according to existing  
27 statutes, depending on the uniqueness of their missions and functions. There

1 is currently no timeframe for implementation of this process and it is  
2 dependent on each board or commission's process and consideration.

3 **Section 2. Use of Video Teleconferencing at Board and**  
4 **Commission Meetings.** A new § 43121 is *added* to Article 1, Chapter 43,  
5 Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, to read:

6 **“§ 43121. Use of video teleconferencing at meetings.**

7 (a) Board and Commission members may participate in regular and  
8 special meetings via video teleconferencing.

9 (b) Participation via video teleconferencing shall meet the  
10 requirements for quorum.

11 (c) Boards and commissions shall develop policy, procedures and  
12 education on the use of video teleconferencing for their members in  
13 accordance with their individual missions and functions and in  
14 accordance with existing statute, specifically the Open Government  
15 Law, contained in Chapter 8, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.”

16 **Section 3. Use of Live Streaming at Board and Commission**  
17 **Meetings.** A new § 43122 is *added* to Article 1, Chapter 43, Title 5 of the  
18 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

19 **“§ 43122. Use of video live streaming at meetings.**

20 (a) Boards and Commissions may elect to broadcast regular and  
21 special meetings via video live streaming applications.

22 (b) Boards and commissions shall develop policy, procedures and  
23 education on the use of video live streaming for their members in  
24 accordance with their individual missions and functions and in  
25 accordance with existing statute, specifically the Open Government  
26 Law, contained in Chapter 8, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

1           (c) Boards and Commissions shall provide instructions on how the  
2           public can access these live streams on their meeting notices.”

3           **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become immediately  
4           effective upon enactment.