BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The CCS to HB 3415 modifies the definition of "emergency meeting" as used in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act to include meetings necessitated by a public health emergency. The measure defines "public health emergency" to mean a situation where the circumstances lead state or local elected officials to determine a risk of substantial death or harm to the human population of the state or a particular applicable political subdivision. The measure allows a public body to hold meetings and executive sessions by electronic means during a lawfully called emergency meeting. Members participating remotely may do so from any fixed location and the meeting must be open to the public. Private electronic communications concerning public business is prohibited during a public meeting by members of the governing body. Meetings are to be public and must indicate if the meeting includes electronic or in-person participation, including the telephone number and/or the electronic source that may be utilized to access the meeting so that the public may participate. Meetings held by videoconference or teleconference may occur without an in-person meeting conducted and the meetings must occur during a state of emergency declared by the Governor to respond to the threat of the public's peace, health, and safety, or during a locally declared state of emergency declared by a mayor or chairman of a board of county commissioners. To the extent practicable, if a public body maintains a website, and has the capability to do so, the meetings of the public body are to be streamed live on a website, or video of the meeting made available that is linked from the public body's website.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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