

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 761 provides that a local emergency declared by a mayor or chairman of a board of county commissioners shall not continue for more than 30 days with ratification of the respective public body unless the state of emergency is concurrently declared by the Governor. The measure also authorizes public bodies to conduct meetings and executive sessions utilizing digital means. No public body may use such means for more than 25% of its yearly meetings and a quorum must be physically present in the regular meeting location of the public body unless there is a declared public health emergency. Members participating electronically must be confirmed by audio or visual affirmation. Documents provided in the meeting must be made available in accordance with the awfully adopted policy of the governing board and open records requirements.

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