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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 40, L.D. 32, “An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 742 in response to the public health emergency caused by the spread of the novel coronavirus disease referred to as COVID-19 may terminate sooner than 90 days after the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 403-A governs remote participation in public proceedings of certain public bodies but is automatically repealed 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by the Governor; and

Whereas, there is a need to have in place a law that governs remote participation in public proceedings of certain public bodies after the termination of the state of emergency declared by the Governor; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,''

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.''

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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COUNTY: Cumberland