

Minnesota House of Representatives

ARTICLE 10 - EMERGENCY HOUSE OPERATIONS

10.01 EMERGENCY HOUSE OPERATIONS. (a) During the peacetime emergency declared by the Governor on March 13, 2020, in Executive Order 20-01, or during any other peacetime emergency related to infectious disease COVID-19 declared by the Governor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31, prior to January 31, 2021, the Minnesota House of Representatives may allow floor and committee procedures related to member debate and voting to occur by means of distance voting, remote electronic voting, or voting by other means designed to allow legislative operations while preserving the safety of the public, staff, and members.

(b) Use of distance voting, remote electronic voting, or voting by other means under paragraph (a) may only occur at the direction of the Speaker of the House after consultation with the minority leader and majority leader, must be used only to protect the health and safety of the public, staff, and members, and must cease once doing so is no longer necessary to protect the health and safety of the public, staff, and members.

(c) Committee meetings held by alternate means must provide the public with an opportunity to provide testimony."

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