

AN ACT

To enact section 6133.041 of the Revised Code to authorize a joint board of county commissioners to conduct proceedings regarding existing joint county ditches via teleconference or video conference.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 6133.041 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 6133.041. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or Chapter 6131. of the Revised Code to the contrary, a joint board of county commissioners, when practicable, may conduct proceedings regarding existing improvements by video conference or, if video conference is not available, by teleconference. The joint board shall make provisions for public attendance at any location involved in such a proceeding. The participation of any commissioner or board of county commissioners in a video conference or teleconference shall occur at the location of the commissioners' main office or board room in an open meeting at which the public is allowed to attend.

(B) Before convening a meeting of a joint board of county commissioners by video conference or by teleconference, designated staff shall send, via electronic mail, facsimile, or United States postal service, a copy of meeting-related documents to each member of the joint board.

(C) The minutes of each joint county ditch meeting shall specify who was attending by teleconference, who was attending by video conference, and who was physically present. Any vote taken in a meeting held by teleconference that is not unanimous shall be recorded as a roll call vote.

(D) Nothing in section 121.22 of the Revised Code prohibits a joint board of county commissioners from conducting a proceeding in a manner authorized by this section.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

Am. S. B. No. 155

130th G.A.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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