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**Representative Kelly**

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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To adopt Rule 42A of the House of Representatives 1  
for the 133rd General Assembly. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO:**

That Rule 42A of the House of Representatives for the 133rd 3  
General Assembly be adopted to read as follows: 4

Rule 42A. (Electronic meeting). (a) During the period of an 5  
emergency, as declared by the governor, the chairperson of a 6  
standing committee, subcommittee, select committee, or joint 7  
committee may conduct committee meetings by means of 8  
teleconference, video conference, or any other similar 9  
electronic technology and all of the following shall apply: 10

(1) Any resolution, rule, or formal action of any kind 11  
shall have the same effect as if it had occurred during an open 12  
meeting of the committee. 13

(2) Members of the House of Representatives who attend 14  
meetings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any 15

other similar electronic technology, shall be considered present 16  
as if in person at the meeting, shall be permitted to vote, and 17  
shall be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is 18  
present at the meeting. 19

(3) The chairperson shall provide notification of meetings 20  
held during a declared emergency to the public and to the media 21  
that have requested notification of a meeting at least twenty- 22  
four hours in advance of the meeting by reasonable methods by 23  
which any person may determine the time, electronic location, 24  
and the manner by which the meeting will be conducted, except in 25  
the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. 26  
In the event of an emergency, the chairperson shall immediately 27  
notify the news media that have requested notification of the 28  
time, place, and purpose of the meeting. 29

(4) The chairperson shall provide the public access to a 30  
meeting held virtually during a declared emergency, commensurate 31  
with the method in which the meeting is being conducted, 32  
including, but not limited to, live-streaming by means of the 33  
internet, local radio, television, cable, or public access 34  
channels, call in information for a teleconference, or by means 35  
of any other similar electronic technology. The chairperson 36  
shall ensure that the public can observe and hear the 37  
discussions and deliberations of all the members of the 38  
committee, whether the member is participating in person or 39  
electronically. 40

(b) When a committee conducts a meeting by means of 41  
teleconference, video conference, or any other similar 42  
electronic technology, the chairperson shall establish a means, 43  
through the use of electronic equipment that is widely available 44  
to the general public, to converse with witnesses, and to 45  
receive documentary testimony and physical evidence. 46