

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 404**

**Representative Forhan**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 101.16 of the Revised Code 1  
regarding the use of personal electronic devices 2  
by General Assembly members. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 101.16 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 101.16.** (A) As used in this section: 6

"Committee" and "meeting" have the same meanings as in 7  
section 101.15 of the Revised Code. 8

"Personal electronic device" means a personal mobile 9  
telephone, laptop computer, tablet, or other wireless electronic 10  
telecommunication device. 11

(B) No member of the general assembly, during a committee 12  
meeting or floor session, shall use a personal electronic 13  
device. 14

(C) Division (B) of this section does not apply to a 15  
member who is located in the gallery seating or rear lobby of 16  
the house or senate chamber, or in the audience of a committee 17  
meeting. 18