GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

H HOUSE DRH50957-LB-493A (5/20)

Short Title: Hyde Electronic Meeting. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Spear.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN HYDE COUNTY HOLDING MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS MAY ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS VOTING REMOTELY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-318.10(d) defines "official meetings" to include a meeting with simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means of a majority of members for the purpose of voting upon or otherwise transacting the public business, while G.S. 143-318.13(a) provides for public access to such communication under the Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 2. A public body may adopt rules of procedure governing members voting and deliberating in a meeting with simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act applies to Hyde County only.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.