

# **Legislature - First Session - 2019**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB212**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 6, 2019**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 212 would make certain minor changes to the Open Meetings Act to amend Section 84-1411, in general permitting the use of technology to create a more efficient and transparent governmental public meetings.

The proposed changes are in the order they appear:

Organizations created under certain Acts may designate a nonvoting designee who shall not be included as part of the quorum to be present at any site to keep the site open for members of the public who may wish to attend a public hearing by telephone conference or videoconference.

Organizations created under certain Acts may hold more than fifty percent of their meetings by telephone or videoconferencing as long as at least one meeting is not held by videoconferencing or telephone conference.

These changes only apply to organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multi-state basis, or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, or a governing body of a risk management pool.

Lastly, the current law only allows a telephone conference call to last two hours. This proposed change would allow the call to last no more than five hours.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Tom Brewer, Chairperson  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee