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Representative Kelly

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Clites, Sobecki, Galonski, Boggs, Skindell, Lepore-Hagan, O'Brien, Robinson,
Lightbody, Russo, Boyd, Sweeney, Crossman, Smith, K., Sykes, Weinstein,
Brent, West, Patterson, Strahorn, Denson, Liston**

A R E S O L U T I O N

To adopt Rule 125 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 125 of the House of Representatives for the 133rd 3
General Assembly be adopted to read as follows: 4

Rule 125. (Electronic meeting). During the period of an 5
emergency, as declared by the governor, the Speaker may conduct 6
sessions of the House of Representatives by means of 7
teleconference, video conference, or any other similar 8
electronic technology and all of the following shall apply: 9

(a) Any resolution, rule, or formal action of any kind 10
shall have the same effect as if it had occurred during an open 11
meeting of the House of Representatives. 12

(b) Members of the House of Representatives who attend 13
sessions by means of teleconference, video conference, or any 14
other similar electronic technology, shall be considered present 15

as if in person during session, shall be permitted to vote, and 16
shall be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is 17
present. 18

(c) The Speaker shall provide notification of sessions held 19
during a declared emergency to the public and to the media that 20
have requested notification of a session at least twenty-four 21
hours in advance of the meeting by reasonable methods by which 22
any person may determine the time, electronic location, and the 23
manner by which the session will be conducted, except in the 24
event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In 25
the event of an emergency, the Speaker shall immediately notify 26
the news media that have requested notification of the time, 27
place, and purpose of the session. 28

(d) The Speaker shall provide the public access to a 29
session held virtually during a declared emergency commensurate 30
with the method in which the meeting is being conducted, 31
including, but not limited to, examples such as live-streaming 32
by means of the internet, local radio, television, cable, or 33
public access channels, call in information for a 34
teleconference, or by means of any other similar electronic 35
technology. The Speaker shall ensure that the public can hear, 36
and if the technological means permit observation, observe the 37
discussions and deliberations of all of the members of the House 38
of Representatives, whether the member is participating in 39
person or electronically. 40