

**FACT SHEET**

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RE: 2021 Legislation Amending the Public Meetings Act Regarding Virtual Meetings

On April 21, 2021, Governor Ricketts approved LB 83, which permits public entities that are subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act to hold up to half of their meetings by virtual

conferencing during a calendar year. Following is a summary of the relevant provisions of the bill.

- 1. Notice.** Reasonable advance public notice of virtual Board meetings must be given, including access to a dial-in phone number or link to the virtual conference.
- 2. Arrangements for Attendance.** In addition to virtual attendance, reasonable arrangements must be made to allow the public to attend at a physical site and participate, including:

- Note: meetings held virtually pursuant to an emergency declared by the Governor do not

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a calendar year