

1 (a) A member of the Legislature who is unable to be physically
2 present when the Legislature is in session because the member is
3 serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or
4 in the West Virginia National Guard may participate in proceedings
5 of the house of the Legislature in which he or she is a member by
6 means of electronic teleconferencing. The member may vote on any
7 question put to the legislative body by means of electronic
8 teleconferencing.

9 (b) As used in this section, "electronic teleconferencing"
10 means telecommunication by electronic means which provides two-way
11 audio and video communication and participation in real time by use
12 of telecommunications equipment and technology.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow legislators serving in the Armed Forces to participate and vote in the Legislature via electronic teleconference when on away for reasons related to their military service.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.