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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform,
Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring state conferences to be conducted
1.3 electronically to the extent possible; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 15.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[15.436] ELECTRONIC CONDUCT OF STATE MEETINGS.**

1.7 To the greatest extent possible, state executive agency conferences must be
1.8 conducted by videoconference, audioconference, or other electronic means if the
1.9 conference otherwise would involve travel for which agency employees would be
1.10 reimbursed. The commissioner of administration may grant exemptions from this
1.11 requirement as necessary to allow people other than state employees to participate
1.12 effectively in conferences, or when otherwise essential to efficient and effective conduct
1.13 of state business. This section does not authorize an agency to avoid compliance with the
1.14 open meeting law in chapter 13D.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.