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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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

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 practical; 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 practical, 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 chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities with respect
1.11 to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, a constitutional officer with respect to
1.12 the constitutional office, and the commissioner of finance with respect to other executive
1.13 agencies may grant exemptions from this requirement as necessary to allow people other
1.14 than state employees to participate effectively in conferences, or when otherwise essential
1.15 to efficient and effective conduct of state business. This section does not authorize an
1.16 agency to avoid compliance with the open meeting law in chapter 13D.

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