

**CALAFCO List of Current Bills  
3/13/2025**

**AB 259**

**(Rubio, Blanca D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/16/2025 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/16/2025

**Status:** 2/10/2025-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Location:** 2/10/2025-A. L. GOV.

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1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law requires a member to satisfy specified requirements to participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including that specified circumstances apply. Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. This bill would remove the January 1, 2026, date from those provisions, thereby extending the alternative teleconferencing procedures indefinitely.

**History:**

**2025**

Jan. 16 Read first time. To print.

Jan. 17 From printer. May be heard in committee February 16.

Feb. 10 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Position**

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**CALAFCO Comments:** Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. As introduced, this bill would rescind Government Code Section Section 54953, which speaks to teleconferencing requirements. It would also strike references to effective dates of January 1, 2026 on other sections.

**Total Measures: 1**

**Total Tracking Forms: 1**