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- 1 Meetings by telephone or other electronic means.** Amends § 198.003, by adding subd. 6.
- (a) Allows the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means as long as:
- (1) all participating board members can hear one another and all discussion and testimony;
 - (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location can hear all discussion, testimony, and votes;
 - (3) at least one member of the board, the executive director, or an attorney for the agency is at the regular meeting location; and
 - (4) all votes are conducted by roll call.
- (b) Specifies that each board member participating in a meeting by electronic means is considered present for purposes of a quorum and participating in proceedings.
- (c) Requires the board, to the extent practical, to allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Allows the board to require the person to pay for documented marginal costs related to the additional connection.
- (d) Requires the agency to provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some members may participate electronically, and of paragraph (c). States that the timing

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and method of providing notice is governed by provisions of the open meeting law.