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3	A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT A MEMBER TO VOTE ON CERTAIN
4	PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF AN ORDINANCE AND TO BE COUNTED
5	AS PRESENT IF ANY ORDINANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED WHICH
6	ALLOWS A MEMBER TO BE IN ATTENDANCE BY ELECTRONIC
7	MEANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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9	WHEREAS, the Little Rock Board of Directors has approved an ordinance that amend Little Rock,
10	Ark., Rev. Code § 2-50 (1988) to define the word "present" to include attendance by electronic means; and,
11	WHEREAS, while this ordinance is in effect there may be times where a vote on a procedural matter
12	that deals with an item approved by the Board of Directors, such as an emergency clause, is required but
13	there are not eight (8) Members, besides the Mayor, present and voting on the item; and,
14	WHEREAS, particularly in a time in which a national emergency has been declared and the Mayor
15	and Members of the Board of Directors need to approve certain legislation that becomes effective
16	immediately in order to address issues the City faces because of the emergency.
17	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
18	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
19	Section 1. A Member not present in person at the time an items has been approved by the Board of
20	Directors that will not be vetoed by the Mayor may vote by telephonic or electronic means on a procedural
21	issue that impacts the approved item provided:
22	(a) The Mayor has publicly declared the item is approved will and not be vetoed;
23	(b) The meeting, or special meeting, at which the item was approved has not adjourned; and,
24	(c) (i) A Member is present telephonically with a member of City Staff present to verify the
25	identity of the Member; or,
26	(ii) The Member participates by electronic or other means which allows the Mayor, other
27	Members of the Board of Directors, and the public, to see and hear the Member
28	participating electronically and voting on the procedural issue;
29	(d) A procedural matter includes, but is not limited to, the approval of an emergency clause.
30	Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
31	word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
32	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
33	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
34	ordinance

ADOPTED: March 25, 2020	
ATTEST:	APPROVED:
Susan Langley, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	
Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney	
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