

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Open Meetings Act of 2010 to provide that a meeting shall be deemed open to the public if the public body takes steps reasonably calculated to allow the public to view or hear the meeting while the meeting is taking place, or, if doing so is not technologically feasible, as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Virtual Open Meetings Authority Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On April 2, 2024, the Council passed the Virtual Open Meetings Authority Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective April 15, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-442; 71 DCR 4621) (“emergency act”), which expires July 14, 2024.

(b) On May 7, 2024, the Council passed the Virtual Open Meetings Authority Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, enacted May 29, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-482; 71 DCR 6752) (“temporary act”). The temporary act is currently undergoing congressional review and has a projected law date of August 1, 2024.

(c) This emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

36 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
37 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Virtual
38 Open Meetings Authority Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024
39 be adopted after a single reading.

40 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.