

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2657

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SOMMER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to witness testimony in committees of the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 21.700, to read as follows:

21.700. 1. **Any committee of either chamber of the general assembly, including**
2 **joint committees of both chambers, shall accept witness testimony via video conference,**
3 **teleconference, or other electronic means.**

4 **2. The witness appearing via electronic means shall:**

5 **(1) Be able to respond to questioning from committee members in real time;**

6 **(2) Follow all committee rules during testimony; and**

7 **(3) Notify the chair of the committee of their intent to testify via electronic means**
8 **at least twenty-four hours before the start of the committee hearing at which the witness**
9 **intends to testify.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.