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## **S.F. No. 1544 – Open Meeting Law Modifications (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)**

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**Senate File No. 1544** amends Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D, the Open Meeting Law, to update terms related to technology. The term “interactive technology” is defined in section 1, and incorporated into the chapter of law, replacing the terms “interactive TV” and “electronic means” with the new defined term.

Substantive modifications in the bill include striking language allowing the public body to charge the public for the costs incurred for remotely connecting to a hearing. A new subdivision is added to the statute related to meetings during a pandemic or state of emergency, providing that if attendance is not feasible and the public body’s practice is to offer public comment at in-person meetings, members of the public shall be permitted to comment from a remote location, to the extent practical. Also, section 13D.01 is amended, allowing votes to be recorded in the minutes, for which the public has access.