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S.F. No. 852 – Relating to Open Meeting Law

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Senate File No. 852 modifies the requirements of the Open Meeting Law when a meeting is conducted by interactive TV. Current law requires the remote location from which a member is attending the meeting be open and accessible to the public. There are two exceptions to this requirement, which can be used only three times in a calendar year, which are for a member who is serving in the military who is at a required drill, deployed, or on active duty, and for a member who has been advised by a health care professional against being in a public place for personal or family medical reasons, which only applies when a state of emergency has been declared under Minnesota Statutes, section [12.31](#), and expires 60 days after the removal of the state of emergency.

This bill temporarily lifts the requirement that the remote location be open and accessible to the public for any member for unlimited meetings occurring between January 1, 2021, through July 1, 2021.

This bill is effective retroactively for meetings occurring on or after January 1, 2021.