

1 SB392
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3 By Senators Brooks and Glover
4 RFD: Rules
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow the Board of Trustees
of the University of South Alabama to participate
in meetings by telephone conference or video
conference if notice of the meetings is given
pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the members
of the public are given the opportunity to
simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the University of South Alabama Board of
Trustees; to allow the board of trustees to participate in
meetings by telephone conference or video conference if notice
of the meetings is given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and
the members of the public are given the opportunity to
simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Members of the Board of Trustees of the
2 University of South Alabama (USA) may participate in a meeting
3 of the board or committee by means of telephone conference,
4 video conference, or similar communications equipment by means
5 of which all persons participating in the meeting may hear
6 each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall
7 constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes.
8 However, a majority of a quorum of the members of the board of
9 trustees, or, in the event of a meeting of only the executive
10 committee, a majority of a quorum of the executive committee
11 of the board of trustees must be physically present at the
12 location noticed and called for the meeting in order to
13 conduct any business or deliberation. Members of the board of
14 trustees and any committees of the board of trustees may not
15 utilize electronic communications except as in compliance with
16 the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Notice of USA board meetings
17 shall be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings
18 Act and telephone or video conference or similar
19 communications equipment shall also allow members of the
20 public the opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe
21 such meetings.

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.