

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

2 Date:

3 Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal quasi-judicial  
4 proceedings; temporary provisions

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize  
6 municipalities to hold any municipal quasi-judicial proceeding through  
7 electronic means and suspend requirements for certain in-person inspections of  
8 property subject to appeal.

9 An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response  
10 to the COVID-19 outbreak

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. MUNICIPAL QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS; TEMPORARY  
13 SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON HEARING AND INSPECTION  
14 REQUIREMENTS

15 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, during a declared  
16 state of emergency under 20 V.S.A. chapter 1 due to COVID-19, a  
17 municipality is authorized to conduct any municipal quasi-judicial proceeding  
18 through electronic means, provided that the municipality complies with all  
19 other requirements for the conduct of the proceeding. The municipality shall  
20 not be required to designate a physical location for the proceeding.

1        (b) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 4404(c), during a declared state of  
2        emergency under 20 V.S.A. chapter 1 due to COVID-19, a board of civil  
3        authority shall not be required to physically inspect any property that is the  
4        subject of an appeal.

5        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6        This act shall take effect on passage.