



# SENATE BILL 260: Mooresville TDA/Monroe Remote Meeting Ch.

2021-2022 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	June 15, 2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sen. Sawyer	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Jonathan Zator
<b>Analysis of:</b>	Second Edition		Committee Counsel

**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 260 would increase and modify the membership of the Mooresville Travel and Tourism Authority (Authority), allow the Mooresville Town Board (Town Board) to amend the resolution creating the Authority, and make modifications for remote meetings of public bodies during certain declarations of emergency in the City of Monroe.*

**[As introduced, this bill was identical to H199, as introduced by Rep. Mills, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]**

**CURRENT LAW:** The Town Board is authorized to and has adopted a resolution creating an occupancy tax and the Authority. The Authority is a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Authority may promote travel, tourism, and conventions in the Greater Mooresville area; sponsor tourism related events and activities; and finance tourism related capital projects in the Greater Mooresville area. The Authority is composed of five members serving two-year terms and appointed by the Town Board as follows:

- Two members representing the Mooresville South Iredell Chamber of Commerce.
- Two members representing the motel or travel and tourism industry.
- One member of the Town Board.

G.S. 166A-19.24 allows public hearings through remote meetings during gubernatorial or legislative declarations of emergency if certain requirements are met. Remote meeting notice must abide by regular notice requirements for public bodies and specify how the public can access the remote meeting in real time. A public body may conduct any public hearing during a remote meeting if the public body allows the submission of written comments between the time the notice is published and 24 hours after the beginning of the meeting containing the public hearing.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** of Senate Bill 260 would modify the Authority's membership as follows:

- One member (rather than two members) representing the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce.
- Three members (rather than two members) representing the motel or travel and tourism industry.
- Add one member representing sites and attractions that increase the use of lodging, meeting, or convention facilities in the area or attract tourists or business travelers to the area.
- Add one member appointed by the Town Board.

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- Retain one member of the Town Board.

The Town Board would be allowed to amend the resolution creating the Authority.

**Section 2** of Senate Bill 260 would only apply to the City of Monroe and do the following:

- Extend the remote meetings law to city declarations of emergency.
- Create a presumption that remote meetings are open to the public if certain requirements are met.
- Require a notice to be updated with information on remote meeting access for the public if an in-person meeting is noticed but one or more members will participate remotely. The original notice cannot be amended less than six hours before the meeting.
- Require the public body to allow the submission of written comments between the time notice is published and 24 hours *before* the beginning of the public meeting containing a public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 2 of the act would be effective when it becomes law and only apply to the City of Monroe. The remainder of the act would be effective when it becomes law.