

OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AMENDMENTS  
TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-129  
ADOPTED OCTOBER 14, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners has a vested interest in decisions made regarding the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976, being MCL 15.261 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, prior to the most recent amendments to the Act, it was generally accepted that members of a public body could participate in a meeting electronically so long as a quorum of the public body was physically present at the meeting location; and

WHEREAS, a series of Executive Orders and statutory amendments issued in 2020 authorized remote participation in public meetings and specifically allowed public bodies to hold meetings electronically, either by telephonic or video conferencing; and

WHEREAS, after December 31, 2021, members of a public body will be allowed to participate in a meeting electronically only to accommodate the absence of any member of the public body due to military duty as described in Section 3(2) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, this substantive change eliminates a public body's previous flexibility to allow one or two members to attend remotely.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners requests that all counties with a population of 75,000 or fewer be exempt from the portion of the Open Meetings Act that allows only members absent due to military duty to participate in meetings electronically.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Representative Daire Rendon, Senator Curt VanderWall, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.