

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5514

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As of January 10, 2022

**Title:** An act relating to increasing the frequency of county legislative meetings at alternate locations.

**Brief Description:** Increasing the frequency of county legislative meetings at alternate locations.

**Sponsors:** Senator Dozier.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Housing & Local Government: 1/11/22.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes county legislative bodies to hold regular meetings outside of the county seat up to once per calendar month.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Staff:** Maggie Douglas (786-7279)

**Background:** County legislative authorities are responsible for directing the short and long-range policy goals and outcomes for the county government and its constituents.

County legislative authorities are required to hold all regular meetings at the county seat. A regular meeting is defined as a meeting that is held in accordance to a schedule adopted by ordinance, resolution, order, or rule by the county legislative authority. The legislative authority may, no more than once per calendar quarter, hold a regular meeting at a location outside of the county seat, but within the county if the county legislative authority determines that holding a meeting at an alternate location would be in the interests of supporting greater citizen engagement in local government.

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**Summary of Bill:** The county legislative authority may increase the frequency of holding regular meetings outside the county seat to no more than once per calendar month.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.