

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1317

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Houck

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**            **Electronic meetings by the Air Pollution Control Board and the State Water Control Board**

**5. Summary:** The bill requires that any electronic communication meetings (teleconference) shall be held in compliance with the provisions the Freedom of Information Act, except that a quorum of the Board is not required to be physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location. The bill also requires that discussions of the Air Pollution Control Board or the State Water Control Board held via such electronic communication means shall be specifically limited to a (i) review of certain decisions of the Director, (ii) determination of the Air Pollution Control Board or the State Water Control Board whether or not to grant a public hearing or Board consideration, or (iii) delegation of the permit to the Director for his decision. No other matter of public business shall be discussed or transacted by the Air Pollution Control Board or the State Water Control Board during any such meeting held via electronic communication. The bill also clarifies when certain public hearings may be held and who may preside over the public hearings.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality, Air Pollution Control Board, and Sate Water Control Board.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources