

**SB 707**  
**Brown Act Modernization**

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June 2, 2026



## Senate Bill 707

- Cumulation of hybrid meetings since pandemic (AB 361 remote meetings sunseting)
- Interim regulations that tested “Just Cause” and “Emergency” scenarios for remote meetings
- SB 707 unifies these rules through 2030 sunset



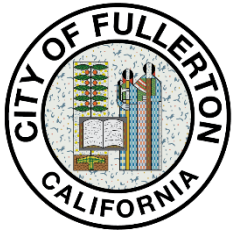
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- Expands public access
- Modernizes elected official teleconferencing rules
- Ensures language access in communities with significant populations of non-English speaking residents



## Eligible Legislative Bodies

- Cities with 30,000 population or more
- Cities in counties of 600,000 population or more
- Counties with 30,000 population or more
- Special Districts meeting specific criteria
- City Council = Eligible Legislative Body
- Committees = Eligible Subsidiary Bodies



# Phasing

<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Phase 2</b>
<b>Effective January 1, 2026</b>	<b>Effective July 1, 2026</b>
Training and Brown Act Distribution  Updated Remote Participation Rules  Social Media Rules Now Permanent	Full Remote Two-Way Public Access  Technology Disruption Policies and Procedures  Language Access and Outreach



## Phase 1 – January 1, 2026

- Brown Act distributed to all elected and appointed members
- Elected official social media interaction rules (AB 992) permanent
- New department head compensation reporting
- Remote participation ADA accommodations
- Disruptive remote participants



## Phase 1 – January 1, 2026

- “Just Cause” remote participation unified
- Remote member usage caps
- Remote member disclosures



## Phase 2 – July 1, 2026

- Mandatory two-way public access for ELB
- Optional two-way public access for ESB
- Webpage Mandates
- Public Agenda Translations
- Language Access – 20% Rule



## Phase 2 – July 1, 2026

Action requested for:

- City Council Technology Disruption Policy (required)
  - Recess one hour
  - Adopt findings to reconvene
  - Recordkeeping requirements
- ESB Technology Disruption Policy (optional)
- Outreach to Underrepresented Groups (required but not necessarily by resolution)



## Request and Next Steps

- Adopt resolutions
- Staff implement requirements by July 1
- Staff presents rules to ESB
- Determine committee interest in remote participation
- City Council and committee action to adopt remote participation and ongoing adoptions