

Legislative Scan: COVID-19

Week of May 18, 2020

**South Additions:**

- Louisiana [SR45](#) - Amends Senate rules to permit members to vote via video or other electronic means during a declared emergency.

Summary:

Louisiana followed in the footsteps of many states nationwide to allow for remote voting during COVID. These new rules will allow sessions to continue on as normally as possible without exposing the members to large gatherings.

**West Additions:**

- Washington [S 5260](#) - Revises provisions relating to powers to waive statutory obligations or limitations during a state of emergency in order to cope with the emergency.

Summary:

Washington had the only movement in the western region this week passing a bill to allow waiving of certain limitations on authorities during emergencies. This bill would allow the legislative and executive branch more freedom in coping with the emergency.

**There were no additions in the Midwest or East this week.**