**Section 270.430 Venue and Testimony by Telephonic or Other Electronic Means**

a) Hearings will be at a reasonable time, date and location designated in the notice of administrative hearing. The hearing may be moved to another location when the Department/other entity authorized to conduct hearings under this Subpart finds that exceptional circumstances make it desirable, in the interest of justice, to allow a change of venue. The parties may stipulate to the exceptional circumstances or one party may make such a showing to the Department/other entity. Exceptional circumstances include, but are not limited to, age, infirmity or inability to travel due to ill health. Mere inconvenience will not constitute grounds for change in venue.

b) Any activities, including the hearing or any pre-hearing meetings, may be conducted from different locations by connecting the parties, the witnesses, and the ALJ by telephone, video or other acceptable electronic means.

(Source: Added at 42 Ill. Reg. 9226, effective July 1, 2018)