

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1183

By: Thornbrugh and Tyler of
the House

and

Ford of the Senate

An Act relating to criminal procedure; authorizing use of video conference facilities for certain proceedings; establishing requirements for use; repealing 22 O.S. 1991, Sections 176 and 177, which relate to use of closed-circuit television for certain appearances before a magistrate; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 586 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any arraignment, appearance or preliminary hearing allowed for in Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, at the discretion of the trial or hearing judge, may be held by means of video conference facilities. The image of the defendant may be broadcast by video conference to the magistrate or judge. A video conference system may not be used unless the system provides for a two-way communication of image and sound between the defendant or inmate and the magistrate or judge.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 587 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any hearing or appearance whether by writ or other judicial order allowed for in Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, at the discretion of the trial or hearing judge, may be held by means of video conference facilities. The image of the defendant may be broadcast by video conference to the magistrate or judge. A video conference system may not be used unless the system provides for a two-way communication of image and sound between the defendant or inmate and the magistrate or judge.

SECTION 3. REPEALER 22 O.S. 1991, Sections 176 and 177, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate