

SHORT TITLE: Courts; prohibiting taking of photographs and operation of audio and video recording devices and broadcasting in courtrooms; codification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 676

By: Shurden of the Senate

and

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to courts; prohibiting taking of photographs and operation of audio and video recording devices and broadcasting in courtrooms and providing exceptions; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 3004 of Title 20, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The taking of photographs and operation of audio or video recording devices in the courtroom and radio or television broadcasting from the courtroom during or in connection with judicial proceedings, whether or not court is in session, are prohibited. A judge may, however, permit:

1. The use of electronic or photographic means for the presentation of evidence or the perpetuation of a record; and
2. The broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing of investitive or ceremonial proceedings.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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