

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1030

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 25 O.S. 2001, Section 307.1, which relates to teleconferences by public bodies; updating statutory references; authorizing a board of education of a technology center school to hold meetings by videoconferencing; requiring each member be visible by certain means; providing certain restrictions; expanding prohibition related to executive sessions to videoconferencing; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2001, Section 307.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 307.1 A. No public body shall hold meetings by teleconference except:

1. Oklahoma Futures;
2. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
3. The ~~Oklahoma~~ State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision;
4. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners;
5. The Board of Dentistry;
6. The Variance and Appeals Boards created in Sections 1021.1, 1697 and 1850.16 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
7. A public trust whose beneficiary is a municipality; however, no more than twenty percent (20%) of a quorum of the trustees may participate by teleconference and during any such meetings all votes shall be roll call votes;
8. The Native American Cultural and Educational Authority;
9. The Corporation Commission; and

10. The State Board of ~~Vocational~~ Career and ~~Technical~~ Technology Education.

B. A board of education of a technology center school district may hold meetings by videoconference where each board member is visible to each other and the public through a video monitor, subject to the following:

1. No fewer than three members of a five-member board or four members of a seven-member board shall be present in person at the site of each meeting;

2. The public notice posted in advance of the meeting shall indicate such meeting will be conducted via videoconference; and

3. Each site and room where members of the board are present for a meeting by videoconference shall be open and accessible to the public, and the public shall be allowed into the site and room.

C. No public body authorized to hold meetings by teleconference or videoconference shall conduct an executive session by teleconference or videoconference.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. 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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