

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1284

By: Deutschendorf of the House
and
Garrison of the Senate

(Oklahoma Open Meeting Act - amending 25 O.S.,
Section 307.1 - teleconference or videoconference -
effective date)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2001, Section 307.1, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2004 (25 O.S. Supp. 2004, 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 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 and the Construction Industries Board created in Section 1000.2 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;
10. The State Board of Career and Technology Education;

11. The Oklahoma Funeral Board; ~~and~~
12. The District Attorneys Council; and
13. The Commissioners of the Land Office.

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;

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; and

4. The public shall be allowed to participate or have input in a meeting at the videoconference site in the same manner and to the same extent as the public is allowed to participate or have input in a meeting at the site of the meeting.

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 November 1, 2005.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2005.

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