

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1117

By: Dahm of the Senate

3 and

4 Murphey of the House

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6 [Oklahoma Open Meeting Act - videoconferences -
7 quorum -

emergency]

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

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 307.1, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 307.1. A. A public body may hold meetings by
13 videoconference where each member of the public body is visible and
14 audible to each other and the public through a video monitor,
15 subject to the following:

16 1. ~~No less than a quorum of the public body shall be present in~~
17 ~~person at the meeting site as posted on the meeting notice and~~
18 ~~agenda~~ The public body shall maintain a quorum of members for the
19 entire duration of the meeting whether using an in-person site,
20 videoconference sites or any combination of such sites to achieve a
21 quorum;

22 2. The meeting notice and agenda prepared in advance of the
23 meeting, as required by law, shall indicate if the meeting will
24 include videoconferencing locations and shall state:

- a. the location, address, and telephone number of each available videoconference site, and
- b. the identity of each member of the public body and the specific site from which each member of the body shall be physically present and participating in the meeting;

3. After the meeting notice and agenda are prepared and posted, as required by law, no member of the public body shall be allowed to participate in the meeting from any location other than the specific location posted on the agenda in advance of the meeting;

4. In order to allow the public the maximum opportunity to attend and observe each public official carrying out the duties of the public official, a member or members of a public body desiring to participate in a meeting by videoconference shall participate in the videoconference from a site and room located within the district or political subdivision from which they are elected, appointed, or are sworn to represent;

5. Each site and room where a member of the public body is present for a meeting by videoconference shall be open and accessible to the public, and the public shall be allowed into that site and room. Public bodies may provide additional videoconference sites as a convenience to the public, but additional sites shall not be used to exclude or discourage public attendance at any videoconference site;

1 6. The public shall be allowed to participate and speak, as
2 allowed by rule or policy set by the public body, in a meeting at
3 the videoconference site in the same manner and to the same extent
4 as the public is allowed to participate or speak at the site of the
5 meeting;

6 7. Any materials shared electronically between members of the
7 public body, before or during the videoconference, shall also be
8 immediately available to the public in the same form and manner as
9 shared with members of the public body; and

10 8. All votes occurring during any meeting conducted using
11 videoconferencing shall occur and be recorded by roll call vote.

12 B. No public body shall conduct an executive session by
13 videoconference.

14 ~~SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
15 ~~of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby~~
16 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
17 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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1 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2016.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2016.

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10 of Representatives