

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 1117

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
8 amending 25 O.S. 2011, Section 307.1, which relates
9 to videoconferences; modifying requirements for
10 quorum; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

18 1. ~~No less than a quorum of the public body shall be present in~~
19 ~~person at the meeting site as posted on the meeting notice and~~
20 ~~agenda~~ The public body shall maintain a quorum of members for the
21 entire duration of the meeting whether using an in-person site,
22 videoconference sites or any combination of such sites to achieve a
23 quorum;
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1 2. The meeting notice and agenda prepared in advance of the
2 meeting, as required by law, shall indicate if the meeting will
3 include videoconferencing locations and shall state:

4 a. the location, address, and telephone number of each
5 available videoconference site, and

6 b. the identity of each member of the public body and the
7 specific site from which each member of the body shall
8 be physically present and participating in the
9 meeting;

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

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

21 5. Each site and room where a member of the public body is
22 present for a meeting by videoconference shall be open and
23 accessible to the public, and the public shall be allowed into that
24 site and room. Public bodies may provide additional videoconference

1 sites as a convenience to the public, but additional sites shall not
2 be used to exclude or discourage public attendance at any
3 videoconference site;

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

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

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

15 B. No public body shall conduct an executive session by
16 videoconference.

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

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