

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 97

By: Brooks of the Senate

3 and

4 Miller of the House

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6 An Act relating to courts; amending Section 1,
7 Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2020 (20 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
8 130), which relates to videoconferencing in district
9 courts; removing certain exceptions for use of
10 videoconferencing; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 124, O.S.L.
13 2020 (20 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 130), is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 Section 130. The use of videoconferencing technology, or the
16 equivalent thereof, in the district courts is hereby authorized in
17 all stages of civil or criminal proceedings and shall be governed by
18 the Rules for District Courts of Oklahoma; ~~provided, however, such~~
19 ~~technology shall not be used in a jury trial or a trial before a~~
20 ~~judge.~~

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

1 Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2021.

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