

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 97

By: Brooks of the Senate

and

Miller of the House

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

SUBJECT: Videoconferencing in the district courts

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

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

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

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or 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.

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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