

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 97

By: Brooks of the Senate

and

Miller of the House

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

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 124, O.S.L.
16 2020 (20 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 130), is amended to read as
17 follows:

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

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

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL, dated
7 03/24/2021 - DO PASS.
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