

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2209

By: Lay and McCane of the House

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4 Guthrie of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
8 allowing members of a public body to participate in a
9 meeting from their private residence under certain
10 circumstances; excluding private residences from
11 location disclosure under certain circumstances;
12 clarifying applicability; defining term; clarifying
13 compliance requirements; stating legislative intent;
14 providing for codification; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 307.2 of Title 25, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. A member of a public body may participate in a public
21 meeting via videoconference or teleconference from the private
22 residence of the member, and shall not be required to disclose the
23 address of the private residence on the meeting notice or agenda,
24 provided the following conditions are met:

1. The member identifies the location as the "private
residence" on the meeting notice and agenda, without further detail;

1 2. The videoconference or teleconference technology used allows
2 the public to see and hear the member during the meeting; and

3 3. The member's participation from his or her private residence
4 does not restrict or limit public access to the meeting or the
5 member's contributions to the meeting.

6 B. This section does not apply when a public body holds a
7 meeting entirely or primarily at a member's private residence, or
8 when two or more members are present at a member's private
9 residence. In such cases, full disclosure of the meeting location
10 is required under the existing provisions of the Oklahoma Open
11 Meeting Act.

12 C. For purposes of this section, "private residence" means any
13 home, apartment, or other personal living space that is not used as
14 a public or commercial meeting site.

15 D. Public bodies shall ensure compliance with all other
16 provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including transparency,
17 accessibility, and notice requirements, when implementing this
18 section.

19 E. It is the Legislature's intent to balance the principles of
20 open governance with the privacy and security of individuals
21 participating in public meetings from private residences. This
22 section ensures compliance with transparency requirements while
23 protecting personal addresses from public disclosure.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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