

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2209

By: Lay of the House

and

Guthrie of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

24 A. A member of a public body may participate in a public
meeting via videoconference or teleconference from the private
residence of the member, and shall not be required to disclose the

1 address of the private residence on the meeting notice or agenda,
2 provided the following conditions are met:

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

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

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

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

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

19 D. Public bodies shall ensure compliance with all other
20 provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including transparency,
21 accessibility, and notice requirements, when implementing this
22 section.

23 E. It is the Legislature's intent to balance the principles of
24 open governance with the privacy and security of individuals

1 participating in public meetings from private residences. This
2 section ensures compliance with transparency requirements while
3 protecting personal addresses from public disclosure.

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

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated
7 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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