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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to court recording; amending 20 O.S. 2021, Sections 1314 and 1315, which relate to storage of audio and video records and the Oklahoma Court Information System (OCIS); requiring the Supreme Court to establish certain guidelines and standards; providing allowable sources of funding for certain equipment; requiring the Legislature to provide certain funding; modifying purpose for which funds may be used; requiring the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to enter contracts and acquire necessary equipment; requiring the AOC to implement certain standards; authorizing and requiring the Supreme Court to promulgate certain rules; updating statutory language; defining terms; requiring the Supreme Court to promulgate certain rules; requiring recordings to be transcribed and retained; providing implementation schedule; requiring court reporters to complete certain acts when a proceeding is recorded; providing penalties for violations; providing for whistleblower protections; repealing 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1512, which relates to court recording pilot program; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1314, is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1314. A. The Supreme Court ~~may provide~~ shall establish  
2 guidelines and standards by rule for the following:

3 1. The acquisition, joint acquisition, maintenance, and  
4 operation of court technology equipment by ~~two or more~~ the Supreme  
5 Court, the Administrative Office of the Courts, district courts, or  
6 court clerks including audio and video recording, broadcasting, and  
7 livestreaming systems required by Section 3 of this act. All  
8 equipment required by Section 3 of this act shall include redundancy  
9 sufficient to prevent loss of recordings;

10 2. The disposition or transfer of surplus ~~property acquired~~  
11 from court technology equipment, provided that no rule shall require  
12 or presume reliance solely upon local court funds when equipment is  
13 required to comply with Section 3 of this act; and

14 3. The ~~guidelines and standards for the use,~~ microfilming and,  
15 digitization, storage, secure preservation, access, retention, and  
16 archiving of court records, including audio and video recordings  
17 that become part of the official court record. Retention shall  
18 conform to the minimum statutory period established in Section 3 of  
19 this act.

20 B. Court technology equipment necessary to satisfy Section 3 of  
21 this act shall be acquired and funded through legislative  
22 appropriation, statewide contract procurement, or other state-  
23 administered funding mechanisms and shall not be contingent upon the  
24 availability of local court funds.

1       C. The Legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds each  
2 fiscal year to ensure continued implementation, operation,  
3 replacement, and modernization of the audio and video recording,  
4 broadcasting, and livestreaming systems required by Section 3 of  
5 this act. Monies in the Oklahoma Court Information System Revolving  
6 Fund may supplement such funds but shall not be the sole source of  
7 funding for court technology systems. Implementation shall not be  
8 delayed due to a lack of equipment and the Supreme Court and the  
9 Administrative Office of the Courts shall ensure phased statewide  
10 deployment in accordance with Section 3 of this act. Training and  
11 certification programs shall be mandatory for all operators of  
12 courtroom audio and video recording, broadcasting, and livestreaming  
13 systems, transcription providers, and administrative staff.

14       D. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall ensure  
15 compatibility with the Oklahoma Court Information System as  
16 described in Section 3 of this act including, but not limited to,  
17 secure digital storage, remote access by authorized transcription  
18 personnel, long-term archival requirements, and centralized public  
19 access archiving in the statewide video portal.

20       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       20 O.S. 2021, Section 1315, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22       Section 1315. A. 1. The Supreme Court, by and through the  
23 ~~Office of the Administrative Director~~ Office of the Courts, shall  
24 establish a court information system to be designated the "Oklahoma  
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1 Court Information System" for the purpose of providing data  
2 processing services to state agencies, boards, and commissions and  
3 other entities pursuant to contract. The Administrative ~~Director~~  
4 Office of the Courts may assess a reasonable fee for such services.

5 2. Court clerks and judges of the district courts of this state  
6 shall utilize the case tracking, accounting, legal research, and  
7 other services of the "~~Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma Court Information System"  
8 System at the direction of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.  
9 The development and implementation of the system's accounting,  
10 auditing, and financial reporting functions shall be subject to the  
11 approval of the State Auditor and Inspector.

12 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
13 fund for the Supreme Court to be designated the "Oklahoma Court  
14 Information System Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing  
15 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of  
16 all monies received in payment of data processing services furnished  
17 pursuant to contract. ~~The Administrative Director of the Courts, at~~  
18 ~~the end of each month, shall issue a statement of charges to each~~  
19 ~~entity for which data processing services were furnished. The cost~~  
20 ~~for data processing services shall be recovered directly from the~~  
21 ~~entity for which such services were furnished and shall not be~~  
22 ~~prorated to or payable by those not receiving the services. All~~  
23 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated  
24 and may be budgeted and expended by the Supreme Court for:

1       ~~the~~ 1. The acquisition, operation, maintenance, repair, and  
2 replacement of data processing equipment and software;

3       2. Supplemental support for the acquisition, installation, and  
4 maintenance of courtroom audio and video recording, broadcasting,  
5 and livestreaming systems authorized by subsection C of this  
6 section; and ~~for~~

7       ~~the~~ 3. The operational expenses of any court which is subject  
8 to the authority of the Administrative Director Office of the  
9 Courts. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
10 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
11 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
12 Services for approval and payment. Until June 30, 2018, the Office  
13 of Management and Enterprise Services shall, at the request of the  
14 Administrative Director of the Courts, transfer an amount not to  
15 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Oklahoma Court  
16 Information System Revolving Fund to the District Court Interagency  
17 Reimbursement Fund an amount that the

18       C. The Supreme Court and the Administrative Director Office of  
19 the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
20 Court, shall deem appropriate and necessary to perform the duties  
21 imposed upon the district courts by law issue requests for proposals  
22 and acquire, install, maintain, and replace audio and video  
23 recording, broadcasting, and livestreaming systems and related  
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1 software, networking, and data storage services necessary to  
2 implement the provisions of Section 3 of this act.

3 D. Requests for proposals and purchases issued pursuant to  
4 subsection C of this section shall be processed in accordance with  
5 Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section  
6 34 et seq. and Section 35.1 et seq. of Title 62 of the Oklahoma  
7 Statutes, Section 260:115-1-1 et seq. of the Oklahoma Administrative  
8 Code, and all other applicable state procurement statutes and  
9 administrative rules.

10 E. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall ensure that  
11 all audio and video recording, broadcasting, and livestreaming  
12 systems acquired under this section support transcription with  
13 sufficient clarity to produce a verbatim written record. The  
14 Supreme Court shall promulgate by rule:

15 1. Technical specifications for audio and video quality  
16 necessary for accurate transcription;

17 2. Certification, training, and approval requirements for  
18 transcription providers;

19 3. Secure processes for verifying transcript accuracy including  
20 access to source recordings; and

21 4. Standards for electronic storage, archiving, and retrieval  
22 of transcripts and associated recordings.

23 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt the  
24 Administrative Office of the Courts from coordination with the

1 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for requisition  
2 processing, review of proposals, approval of contracts, or payment  
3 of claims.

4 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1510 of Title 20, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. As used in this section:

8 1. "Auto-generated transcript" means a text transcription  
9 created by software that uses speech-to-text or similar  
10 transcription technology from recorded media; and

11 2. "Recorded media" means any audio, video, or audiovisual  
12 recording of a court proceeding or portion of a court proceeding  
13 created or maintained pursuant to this section or any rule of the  
14 Supreme Court governing court recording.

15 B. The Supreme Court shall promulgate, by rule or  
16 administrative order, rules governing the use of audio and video  
17 recording, broadcasting, and livestreaming systems in courts of this  
18 state. Such rules shall apply to all courts of record and to all  
19 court proceedings required by law to be open to the public. All  
20 courts of record shall audio- and video-record all public  
21 proceedings. Livestreaming shall be provided for all public  
22 proceedings unless technically infeasible. Such rules shall:

1       1. Permit audio and video recording, broadcasting, and  
2 livestreaming of all open court proceedings, subject to the  
3 limitations of this section;

4       2. Establish standardized request procedures, advance notice  
5 requirements, placement requirements, and operational restrictions  
6 for audio and video recording, broadcasting, or livestreaming court  
7 proceedings;

8       3. Establish standardized transcript certification language,  
9 audit procedures, and retention schedules for recorded media;

10       4. Prohibit the photographing, recording, broadcasting, or  
11 livestreaming of the following individuals to the extent required by  
12 existing Oklahoma Statutes, and not by rule, general judicial  
13 policy, or administrative order:

14           a. jurors or prospective jurors, as provided in Sections  
15 853 and 853.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

16           b. minors whose identity or juvenile records are  
17 confidential pursuant to Section 1-6-107 of Title 10A  
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

19           c. victims or witnesses whose identity or personal  
20 information is confidential or protected pursuant to  
21 Section 142A-9 of Title 21 and Section 60.14 of Title  
22 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes,



- 1           d.    vulnerable adults whose records or identifying  
2                   information is confidential pursuant to Section 10-110  
3                   of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and  
4           e.    any other individual whose identity is confidential  
5                   pursuant to state or federal law. Such state or  
6                   federal law shall be cited in the record of the court  
7                   proceeding;

8           5.    Preserve the authority of the presiding judge to limit or  
9           suspend audio and video recording, broadcasting, or livestreaming  
10           systems upon specific written findings of fact, supported by clear  
11           and convincing evidence, that such restriction is narrowly tailored  
12           and absolutely necessary to protect a compelling state interest  
13           established under Oklahoma law including, but not limited to, fair  
14           trial rights, witness safety, or statutory confidentiality. A  
15           presiding judge shall not issue a general prohibition on audio and  
16           video recording, broadcasting, or livestreaming of all court  
17           proceedings. Any order restricting audio or video recording,  
18           broadcasting, or livestreaming shall be made on the record and be  
19           subject to accelerated appellate review;

20           6.    Specify retention, secure deletion, sealing, and public  
21           access procedures for recordings that become part of the official  
22           court record. Recordings shall be retained for not less than ten  
23           (10) years or for the duration of all direct appeals, post-  
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1 conviction proceedings, and federal habeas review, whichever is  
2 longer;

3 7. Require establishment of a statewide online public access  
4 portal through which recordings of public court proceedings shall be  
5 accessible, subject to statutory confidentiality limitations;

6 8. Require technological redundancy to prevent the loss of  
7 recordings, including dual-path recording or backup capture  
8 programs;

9 9. Require compliance with 42 U.S.C., Sections 12101 through  
10 12213, for all recordings, livestreams, and archives, including  
11 closed captioning, interpreter feed integration, and accessibility  
12 features; and

13 10. Require statewide training and certification standards for  
14 court technology equipment operators, transcription personnel, and  
15 court administrative staff.

16 C. No broader category of exemption shall be created by rule,  
17 general judicial policy, or administrative order under paragraph 4  
18 of subsection B of this section.

19 D. Audio or video recordings of court proceedings that become  
20 part of the official court record shall be transcribed by a  
21 certified court reporter or other Supreme Court-authorized  
22 transcription provider upon request of the court, a party, or as  
23 otherwise required by law. The written transcript shall constitute  
24 the official record for purposes of appeal, citation, and other

1 legal proceedings. Audio and video files shall be retained and made  
2 available for reference and verification of the transcript in  
3 accordance with Supreme Court rule. Recordings shall constitute  
4 part of the official court record and shall be made available for  
5 reference and verification.

6 E. 1. All felony criminal courts shall be fully equipped and  
7 operational no later than January 1, 2026.

8 2. All civil and family courts shall be fully equipped and  
9 operational no later than January 1, 2027.

10 3. All other courts including municipal, probate, and specialty  
11 courts shall be fully equipped and operational no later than January  
12 1, 2028.

13 4. The Supreme Court shall cause an annual progress report to  
14 be published until the full implementation of this subsection is  
15 complete.

16 F. When a court proceeding or portion of a court proceeding is  
17 recorded pursuant to law or rule, the official court reporter shall:

18 1. Retrieve and review the recorded media and, if available,  
19 the auto-generated transcript created from that recording;

20 2. Compare the auto-generated transcript to the recorded media  
21 and make any corrections necessary to ensure that the transcript is  
22 accurate, complete, and verbatim including speaker identifications  
23 where discernible;

1       3. Certify the transcript as an accurate, complete, and  
2 unaltered representation of the recorded portion of the proceeding,  
3 using certification language prescribed by the State Board of  
4 Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters;

5       4. Ensure the transcript includes continuous timestamp  
6 references sufficient to locate corresponding segments of the  
7 recorded media; and

8       5. Ensure that the transcript includes the entirety of each  
9 subject of testimony or argument and does not contain selective  
10 portions that materially alter context or meaning.

11       G. The court reporter shall immediately report to the presiding  
12 judge and to the Administrative Office of the Courts any gap,  
13 interruption, omission, or corruption in the recorded media, missing  
14 timeframe in the recorded media, or incomplete segment preventing  
15 complete transcript certification. The report required by this  
16 subsection shall be in writing, filed under the case number, and  
17 preserved as part of the official court record.

18       H. No person including any court reporter, court clerk,  
19 attorney, judge, vendor, contractor, or agent of the state shall  
20 knowingly and willfully alter, delete, conceal, obscure, corrupt, or  
21 fail to report a gap in recorded media with the intent to impair,  
22 influence, or affect the integrity or accuracy of the official court  
23 record.

1 I. Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this  
2 subsection shall be subject to the penalties under Section 1513 of  
3 Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes and prosecution under state law  
4 including, but not limited to, those prohibiting tampering with  
5 evidence.

6 J. When recorded media is offered or admitted as evidence, the  
7 court reporter shall ensure that a certified transcript accompanies  
8 the recording; the transcript includes notation of objections, bench  
9 conferences, sealed or confidential portions, and redactions  
10 required by law; and the recording is marked and secured in a format  
11 compatible with the Oklahoma Court Information System and any  
12 applicable rules of appellate procedure. If a redacted version is  
13 used for public access, the unredacted original shall be preserved  
14 under seal as part of the record.

15 K. No court employee, contractor, or agent shall be  
16 disciplined, terminated, retaliated against, or otherwise penalized  
17 for reporting suspected tampering, corruption, suppression, or  
18 mismanagement of court recordings.

19 SECTION 4. REPEALER 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1512, is  
20 hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.  
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