

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1757

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; creating the First Amendment Open Meeting Protection Act; providing short title; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Section 312, which relates to recording of open meetings; updating statutory reference; clarifying when recordings may be prohibited; providing for civil action; updating statutory language; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "First Amendment Open Meeting Protection Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 312, is amended to read as follows:

Section 312. A. The proceedings of a public body shall be kept by a person so designated by such public body in the form of written minutes which shall be an official summary of the proceedings showing clearly those members present and absent, all matters considered by the public body, and all actions taken by such public

1 body. The minutes of each meeting shall be open to public
2 inspection and shall reflect the manner and time of notice required
3 by ~~this act~~ Section 301 et seq. of this title.

4 B. In the written minutes of an emergency meeting, the nature
5 of the emergency and the proceedings occurring at such meeting,
6 including reasons for declaring such emergency meeting, shall be
7 included.

8 C. ~~Any~~ No public body or its members, officers, or staff, nor
9 any law enforcement officer or security personnel, present at a
10 public meeting shall prohibit any person attending a public meeting
11 ~~may record~~ from recording the proceedings of ~~said~~ the meeting by
12 ~~videotape~~ video recording, ~~audiotape~~ audio recording, or ~~by~~ any
13 other method; ~~providing~~ provided, however, such recording shall not
14 interfere with the conduct of the meeting.

15 D. In addition to penalties described in subsection B of
16 Section 314 of this title, any person who is unlawfully prohibited
17 from recording a public meeting in accordance with this section may
18 bring a civil action for monetary damages, if applicable.

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