1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to courts; authorizing media coverage in trial court proceedings;

1.3   proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 480.

1.4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5   Section 1. **[480.31] ELECTRONIC AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE**

1.6 **ALLOWED.**

1.7   Subdivision 1. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, and

1.8 subject at all times to the authority of the presiding judge to control the conduct of

1.9 proceedings before the court, to ensure decorum and prevent distractions, and to ensure the

1.10 fair administration of justice, electronic media and still photography coverage of public

1.11 judicial proceedings in the district courts of this state shall be allowed in accordance

1.12 with this section.

1.13   Subd. 2. **Certain proceedings; no coverage allowed.** There shall be no audio

1.14 or video coverage in cases involving child custody, marriage dissolution, juvenile

1.15 proceedings, child protection proceedings, paternity proceedings, petitions for orders

1.16 for protection, motions to suppress evidence, police informants, relocated witnesses,

1.17 sex crimes, trade secrets, undercover agents, and proceedings that are not accessible

1.18 to the public.

1.19   Subd. 3. **Technical standards for photography and electronic broadcast**

1.20 **coverage of judicial proceedings.** The court may regulate any aspect of the proceedings

1.21 to ensure that the means of recording will not distract participants or impair the dignity

1.22 of the proceedings. In the absence of a specific order imposing additional or different

1.23 conditions that still allows coverage of the proceeding, the provisions relating to technical

2.1   standards for photography and electronic broadcast coverage of judicial proceedings in the

2.2   Minnesota General Rules of Practice apply to all proceedings.

2.3   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009.