HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1263   By: Dahm of the Senate

and

Jordan of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
amending 25 O.S. 2011, Section 307.1, which relates
to videoconferences; modifying requirements for a
quorum for certain virtual charter schools; providing
an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1.   AMENDATORY   25 O.S. 2011, Section 307.1, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 307.1. A. A public body may hold meetings by

videoconference where each member of the public body is visible and

audible to each other and the public through a video monitor,

subject to the following:

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    a.   except as provided for in subparagraph b of this

        paragraph, no less than a quorum of the public body

1	shall be present in person at the meeting site as
2	posted on the meeting notice and agenda,
3	b. a virtual charter school approved and sponsored by the
4	Statewide Virtual Charter School Board pursuant to the
5	provisions of Section 3-145.3 of Title 70 of the
6	Oklahoma Statutes shall maintain a quorum of members
7	for the entire duration of the meeting whether using
8	an in-person site, videoconference sites or any
9	combination of such sites to achieve a quorum;
10	2. The meeting notice and agenda prepared in advance of the
11	meeting, as required by law, shall indicate if the meeting will
12	include videoconferencing locations and shall state:
13	a. the location, address, and telephone number of each
14	available videoconference site, and
15	b. the identity of each member of the public body and the
16	specific site from which each member of the body shall
17	be physically present and participating in the
18	meeting;
19	3. After the meeting notice and agenda are prepared and posted,
20	as required by law, no member of the public body shall be allowed to
21	participate in the meeting from any location other than the specific
22	location posted on the agenda in advance of the meeting;
23	4. In order to allow the public the maximum opportunity to
24	attend and observe each public official carrying out the duties of

the public official, a member or members of a public body desiring

to participate in a meeting by videoconference shall participate in

the videoconference from a site and room located within the district

or political subdivision from which they are elected, appointed, or

are sworn to represent;

5. Each site and room where a member of the public body is

present for a meeting by videoconference shall be open and

accessible to the public, and the public shall be allowed into that

site and room. Public bodies may provide additional videoconference

sites as a convenience to the public, but additional sites shall not

be used to exclude or discourage public attendance at any

videoconference site;

6. The public shall be allowed to participate and speak, as

allowed by rule or policy set by the public body, in a meeting at

the videoconference site in the same manner and to the same extent

as the public is allowed to participate or speak at the site of the

meeting;

7. Any materials shared electronically between members of the

public body, before or during the videoconference, shall also be

immediately available to the public in the same form and manner as

shared with members of the public body; and

8. All votes occurring during any meeting conducted using

videoconferencing shall occur and be recorded by roll call vote.

1   B. No public body shall conduct an executive session by

2 videoconference.

3   SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

4   SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation

5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and

7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION, dated
   04/11/2018 - DO PASS.

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