

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 1754

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending
8 21 O.S. 2011, Section 540, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
10 540), which relates to delaying or obstructing a
11 public officer; increasing penalties; and providing
12 an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 540, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020,
16 Section 540), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 540. A. Any person who willfully delays or obstructs
18 any public officer in the discharge of or attempt to discharge any
19 duty of his or her office, ~~is~~ shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
20 misdemeanor felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the
21 Department of Corrections for a term not exceeding two (2) years, or
22 by a fine of not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
(\$2,500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

23 B. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from
24 recording the activity of law enforcement in a public area, as long

1 as the recording activity does not delay or obstruct the law
2 enforcement ~~agent~~ officer in his or her duties.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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