

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 1754

By: Hardin (David) of the House

5 and

6 **Weaver** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

20 Section 540. A. Any person who willfully delays or obstructs
21 any public officer in the discharge of or attempt to discharge any
22 duty of his or her office, ~~is~~ shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
23 misdemeanor felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the
24 Department of Corrections for a term not exceeding two (2) years, or

1 by a fine of not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
2 (\$2,500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 B. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from
4 recording the activity of law enforcement in a public area, as long
5 as the recording activity does not delay or obstruct the law
6 enforcement ~~agent~~ officer in his or her duties.

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL, dated
10 02/10/2021 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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