

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3756

By: Miller of the House

and

Brooks of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 3006, which relates to the Judge Gary Dean  
9 Courtroom Technology Act; authorizing use of  
10 videoconferencing between courtrooms and county  
11 jails; modifying list to include certain court  
12 proceedings; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 516,  
13 which relates to person authorized to put in guilty  
14 plea; providing exception to certain requirement; and  
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 3006, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 3006. A. Beginning January 1, 2012, district courts  
20 may use videoconferencing, including two-way interactive video  
21 technology, between a courtroom and a correctional facility of the  
22 Department of Corrections ~~or~~, a juvenile detention facility of the  
23 Office of Juvenile Affairs or a county jail to conduct the following  
24 proceedings including, but not limited to:

- 25 1. Sentence reviews;
- 26 2. Post-conviction relief hearings;

- 1 3. Delinquent and deprived actions;
- 2 4. Custody and adoption proceedings;
- 3 5. Commitment proceedings; ~~and~~
- 4 6. Extradition proceedings;
- 5 7. Plea and sentencing proceedings; and
- 6 8. Pre-trial, trial or fact-finding, or post-trial proceedings.

7 B. A waiver from the defendant or juvenile of the right to be  
8 present in the courtroom for a hearing shall be obtained prior to  
9 conducting any proceeding using videoconferencing or two-way  
10 interactive video technology. The use of videoconferencing or two-  
11 way interactive video technology shall be in accordance with any  
12 requirements and guidelines established by the Administrative Office  
13 of the Courts and all proceedings at which such technology is  
14 utilized shall be recorded verbatim by the district court.

15 C. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall promulgate  
16 rules and procedures to implement the provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 516, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 516. A plea of guilty can in no case be put in, except  
20 by the defendant himself or herself, in open court, unless ~~upon~~:

21 1. Upon an indictment or information against a corporation, in  
22 which case it can be put in by counsel; or

23 2. When conducted via videoconferencing in accordance with the  
24 provisions of Section 3006 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

2 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2020.

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5 Presiding Officer of the House  
6 of Representatives

7 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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