

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 1020

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to criminal procedure; prohibiting
8 convictions for failure to appear under certain
9 circumstances; requiring courts to provide court date
10 notification system via telephone and publicly
available website; stating specifications for
notification system; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 209.1 of Title 22, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Effective January 1, 2021, no person shall be convicted of
18 failure to appear if the court has not instituted a notification
19 system that gives notification of court dates for an individual by
20 telephone no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the court date
21 is set and that allows the individual to access information about
22 his or her court date by telephone. The notification system shall
23 include the date, time and location of the expected court
24 appearance.

1 B. The court shall have a publicly available website that
2 publishes all expected court appearances no later than seventy-two
3 (72) hours after the court date is set. Effective January 1, 2021,
4 no person shall be convicted of failure to appear if his or her
5 court date does not appear on the publicly available website that
6 publishes all expected court appearances.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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