

REFERENCE TITLE: **civil actions; virtual court appearance**

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SB 1191

Introduced by
Senator Petersen

AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-137; AMENDING SECTION 22-206, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO VIRTUAL COURT APPEARANCES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-137, to read:

4 12-137. Virtual court appearance; civil actions

5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IN ALL PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO A CIVIL
6 ACTION BEFORE THE COURT, ANY PARTY, INCLUDING AN ATTORNEY OR WITNESS ON
7 WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COURT, SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
8 PROCEEDING REMOTELY BY USING A TELEPHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE CONNECTION.

9 Sec. 2. Section 22-206, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
10 read:

11 22-206. Virtual court appearance; civil actions

12 Notwithstanding any other law, in ~~a special detainer or forcible~~
13 ~~detainer~~ ANY proceeding RELATED TO A CIVIL ACTION before the court, any
14 party, including an attorney or witness ~~upon~~ ON written notice to the
15 court, shall be ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to participate ~~at~~ IN the ~~initial~~
16 ~~appearance~~ PROCEEDING remotely by using a telephone or video conference
17 connection. If the court continues a contested matter to a later date, at
18 the discretion of the court, the court may require all parties, attorneys
19 and witnesses to participate in person.