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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1690

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring courts to use interactive video teleconference
1.3 or other remote technology when conducting most criminal proceedings; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 630.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [630.38] REQUIREMENT FOR COURTS TO EMPLOY REMOTE
1.7 TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT MOST CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

1.8 (a) Unless the court determines that the interests of justice are not served by so doing,
1.9 the court shall continue to conduct criminal proceedings remotely through the use of
1.10 interactive video teleconference or other remote technology that permits the parties and
1.11 attorneys to appear without being in the courtroom or by review of the parties' submissions
1.12 without oral argument as provided in the chief justice's order governing the operations of
1.13 the Minnesota Judicial Branch under Emergency Executive Orders 20-53 and 20-56 filed
1.14 on May 15, 2020.

1.15 (b) This section supersedes any conflicting court rule or order.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.