## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 379 By: Dossett

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## AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to arrest booking photographs; requiring the removal of arrest booking photographs upon written request; requiring inclusion of certain information with request; establishing a deadline for removal; prohibiting republication or dissemination of removed photographs; authorizing civil action for certain injunctive relief; requiring award of court costs and attorney fees in certain action; authorizing imposition of civil penalty; directing deposit of certain amounts; prohibiting charging a fee for removal of photographs; providing for applicability of provisions; providing exceptions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

- SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 23 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. A person whose arrest booking photograph is published or otherwise disseminated may make a request in writing to the business or individual who published or otherwise disseminated the photograph for the removal of the photograph. The written request for removal of the arrest booking photograph shall be sent by registered mail

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and include sufficient proof of identification of the person whose photograph was published and specific information identifying the photograph the written request is seeking to remove.

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- B. 1. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the written request for removal of the arrest booking photograph, the business or individual who published or otherwise disseminated the photograph shall remove the photograph and may not republish or otherwise disseminate the photograph.
- 2. The person whose arrest booking photograph was published or otherwise disseminated may bring a civil action to enjoin the continued publication of the photograph if the business or individual does not remove the arrest booking photograph within the required time. The court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney fees related to the issuance and enforcement of the injunction and may impose a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per day for noncompliance. Amounts recovered from civil penalties under this paragraph shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.
- 3. If a business or individual is required to remove an arrest booking photograph under this section and later republishes the photograph, the person whose photograph is republished or otherwise disseminated may bring a civil action to enjoin the continued publication or dissemination of the photograph. The court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney fees related to the

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issuance and enforcement of the injunction and may impose a civil penalty of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per day for noncompliance. Amounts recovered from civil penalties under this paragraph shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

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- C. A business or individual engaged in the business of publishing or otherwise disseminating arrest booking photographs of persons who have been previously arrested may not solicit or accept a fee or other form of payment for the removal of the photographs.
- D. This section shall not apply to a business or individual that publishes or disseminates information relating to arrest booking photographs unless:
- 1. The business or individual solicits or accepts payment for the removal of photographs; or
- 2. The business or individual's primary business model is the publishing and disseminating of arrest booking photographs for a commercial purpose or pecuniary gain.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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