

PUBLIC NOTICE OF COURT RECORDING

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires that notice be given to the public when court proceedings are being recorded.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

requires the Judicial Council to direct courts to give notice to the public when court proceedings are being recorded.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78A-2-208, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78A-2-208** is amended to read:

78A-2-208. Sittings of courts -- To be public -- Notice to public of recording --

Right to exclude in certain cases.

(1) The sittings of every court of justice are public, except as provided in Subsections



28 [~~(2)~~ and] (3) and (4).

29 (2) The Judicial Council shall require that notice be given to the public that the
30 proceedings are being recorded when an electronic or digital recording system is being used
31 during court proceedings.

32 [~~(2)~~] (3) The court may, in its discretion, during the examination of a witness exclude
33 any and all other witnesses in the proceedings.

34 [~~(3)~~] (4) In an action of divorce, criminal conversation, seduction, abortion, rape, or
35 assault with intent to commit rape, the court may, in its discretion, exclude all persons who do
36 not have a direct interest in the proceedings, except jurors, witnesses and officers of the court.

Legislative Review Note
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