REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT) Act 236 of 1961

600.5515 Participation of prisoner in pretrial or hearing proceedings.

Sec. 5515. (1) To the extent practicable, in an action brought by a prisoner, pretrial proceedings in which the prisoner's participation is required or permitted shall be conducted by telephone, video conference, or other telecommunications technology without removing the prisoner from the prison in which the prisoner is confined.

(2) Subject to the agreement of the official of the state or local unit of government with custody over the prisoner, hearings may be conducted at the prison in which the prisoner is confined. To the extent practicable, the court shall allow counsel to participate by telephone, video conference, or other communications technology in a hearing held at the prison.

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