Section 367.7 of the Code of Civil Procedure would be enacted, effective January 1, 2022, to read:

1 <u>§ 367.7</u>

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- 3 (a) It is the intent of this section to improve access to the courts and reduce litigation
- 4 <u>costs by providing that a court may, as appropriate, practical, and practicable, permit a</u>
- 5 person to appear in court by video in all civil actions and proceedings including trials and
- 6 <u>evidentiary hearings.</u>
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- 8 (b) A court may permit a person to appear by video in any civil action or proceeding.

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- 10 (c) The exercise of the authority granted the court in subdivision (b) shall be subject to
- 11 rules of court adopted by the Judicial Council to effectuate this section.

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