

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2233

BY: BOYD and ROSS of the
HOUSE

and

EASLEY of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,
SECTION 4419, WHICH RELATES TO THE TULSA COUNTY
AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; DELETING
CERTAIN ELECTION REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING BOARD TO
ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR A
NOMINATION ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4419, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 4419. A. All of the territory comprising the County of
Tulsa, and all of the territory in adjacent counties comprising a
portion of school districts partially located in Tulsa County shall
be an area school district for vocational and/or technical schools
to be known as the Tulsa County Area Vocational-Technical School
District. Territory that is in an existing area
vocational-technical school district shall be exempt from
consideration. Provided, nothing in this section shall prohibit the
annexation of territory in adjacent counties by the Tulsa County
Area Vocational-Technical School District in accordance with rules

and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education. Provided, further, any such annexation shall be approved by the Tulsa County Area Vocational-Technical School Board of Education prior to such annexation election. The Tulsa County Area Vocational-Technical School District shall have a board of education consisting of seven (7) members having the same powers and duties as boards of education of other area school districts. The members shall be elected in the same manner as boards of education of other area school districts except as otherwise provided in this title. The terms of office of members shall be staggered so that the term of office of only one member shall expire each year. The offices shall be numbered. ~~The county election board shall conduct the election and determine the length of each member's term by lottery following the initial election. It is further provided that not more than four members of the board may be qualified residents of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County.~~ The Tulsa County Area Vocational-Technical School Board of Education shall divide the territory of the district into seven election districts in the same manner as required by independent school districts. One member of the board of education shall be elected to represent each election district. Beginning January 1, 1993, the following provisions and the provisions of Section 13A-101 et seq. of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall control as to election of the members of the Tulsa County Area Vocational-Technical School Board of Education:

1. There shall be held a nomination election in which the electors of each election district in which a term is expiring or in which a vacancy exists shall select two (2) nominees from among the candidates for board member to represent the election district;

2. If, in the nominating election, one candidate has a majority of all votes cast, then that candidate shall be elected to represent the election district and a general election is not required. If no

candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, then the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall become the nominees for the election district in the general election; and

3. At the general election, all of the electors of the election district shall select one of the two nominees as the member of the board of education representing the election district.

B. The Except as otherwise provided in this section, the election of the governing board and the operation of the Tulsa County Area Vocational-Technical School District shall be in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education as provided for in Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution.

C. It is hereby provided that not more than three (3) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable property in the district shall be voted on or thereafter be levied annually under Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and the district shall not become indebted for more than three percent (3%) of the net valuation of taxable property within the district for capital improvements for secondary and adult vocational and technical education purposes. Only programs in secondary and adult vocational and technical education shall be offered by the district.

D. Programs in post-secondary vocational and/or technical education shall not be offered or conducted by the Tulsa County Area School District; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the establishment of an authorization to conduct such post-secondary vocational and/or technical programs by legislative enactment creating or establishing such programs within the limits of Section 9B, Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

President of the Senate