

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 57

BY: CAPPS and ROBINSON of the  
SENATE

and

BENSON of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS; AMENDING 26 O.S.

1991, SECTION 13A-101, WHICH RELATES TO SCHOOL  
ELECTION LAWS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR CLOSING  
CERTAIN POLLING PLACES IN SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS;  
REQUIRING CERTAIN NOTICE POSTED WITHIN CERTAIN TIME  
PERIOD EXPLAINING CLOSED POLLING PLACES AND STATING  
ALTERNATIVE VOTING OPTIONS; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 13A-101, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 13A-101. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the  
general election laws shall apply to all elections for school  
districts and vocational-technical school districts. When it is  
impossible or impractical to apply the general election laws for  
school districts and vocational-technical school districts, the  
Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe procedures  
consistent with the purposes of the general election laws.

B. The Secretary of the State Election Board may allow certain  
precincts to be closed during school district and vocational-

technical school district elections upon request of the secretary of the county election board or upon request of the board of education of a school district.

C. For special school elections, polling places may remain closed if the Superintendent of the district calling the election certifies to the county election board that:

1. Within the school district portion of a precinct there are no residents; or

2. Within ten (10) days before the election, there are no registered voters or all registered voters have already voted by absentee ballot; or

3. There are two hundred (200) or fewer registered voters and:

a. using a printout of registered voters in the precinct provided by the county election board, the school shall identify all voters registered in that portion of the precinct, and

b. the school district shall, no less than twenty-five (25) days before the election, mail to every voter registered in that portion of the precinct a letter explaining that the voter's regular polling place will not be open on the election day and offering mail and in-person absentee voting alternatives for the voter. Each letter shall include an application and instructions for a mail absentee ballot, and

c. the Superintendent shall provide to the county election board a list of every registered voter in that portion of the precinct and a statement that the required information has been mailed to every voter on the list.

D. No later than ten (10) days prior to the election a notice must be posted at each polling place which will be closed on election day and at the county election board stating that such

polling place will be closed at the request of the school district  
and explaining the options for mail and in-person absentee voting.

SECTION 2. 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 Senate the 3d day of March, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1992.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives