

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

SENATE BILL NO. 888

BY: FAIR

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS; REQUIRING
CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS TO RESIGN BY LETTER TO
GOVERNOR STATING CERTAIN DATE OF RESIGNATION;
AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR TO ISSUE CERTAIN PROCLAMATION
UPON RECEIVING RESIGNATION LETTER; LIMITING PERIOD
WHEN SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD; PROVIDING FOR
CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-100 of Title 26, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

When an elected official serving in the United States Senate,
the United States House of Representatives from the State of
Oklahoma, a statewide elected office, the Oklahoma State Senate, the
Oklahoma House of Representatives or as county commissioner in any
county of the State of Oklahoma resigns from his or her office, that
official shall, by letter to the Governor, state the date he or she
shall vacate said office. Such date shall be irrevocable once the
letter is submitted to the Governor. Notwithstanding any other
section of law, upon receiving such letter with the date the office
is to be vacated, the Governor shall proceed with issuing the
necessary proclamation setting the dates for filing and a special
election. Provided, however, such special election shall not be

held prior to the date stated in the officeholder's letter of resignation.

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.

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