

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1394

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Section 13A-101, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1992 (26 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 13A-101), which relates to school elections; authorizing certain boards of education and county election board secretaries to determine polling places for school elections; requiring certain notice to be published and posted in certain places; specifying content of such notice; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 13A-101, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1992 (26 O.S. Supp. 1992, 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. Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon request of the board of education of any school district, or of the board of education of any vocational-technical school district, or both if an election in the precinct is affected by both, the secretary of a county election board shall combine the voter registration records of any precinct, not split by two or more school districts in which elections are being held or by two or more school board districts in school districts of ten thousand (10,000) or more average daily membership, with those of an adjacent precinct within the school district for any school election, provided that the voter registration records of no more than three precincts may be combined in one precinct. No voter registration records may be moved if another entity, other than a public school or vocational-technical school district, is holding an election in the precinct on the same day. No voter registration records may be moved across county lines.

D. School districts and vocational-technical school districts shall share polling places where the districts overlap if the districts hold elections on the same day.

E. At least ten (10) days prior to a school election, the superintendent for each board of education for a district in which voter registration information has been combined shall publish a notice and issue a news release of the polling place locations for that election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where voter registration information was combined. Said notice shall list the name and location of the combined polling places, and which precinct will conduct the voting. Said notice shall include

information about options for absentee and in-person absentee voting. Ten (10) days prior to the election, the county election board shall post a notice on the door of each polling place from which voter registration information is being moved. Said notice shall list the name and location of the combined polling places, and which precinct will conduct the voting. Said notice shall also be posted at each affected county election board stating that such polling place will not be open and explaining options for mail and in-person absentee voting.

F. In counties with a population of seventy-five thousand (75,000) or less according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, for school elections the board of education located in such county and the secretary of the county election board shall determine the polling place for each precinct within the school district. If the polling place for a precinct is changed, at least ten (10) days prior to the next school election, the superintendent for the board of education shall publish a notice and issue a news release of the change in the polling place location in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For ten (10) days prior to the election, the county election board shall post a notice on the door of the last polling place and the new polling place stating which polling place will be used for school elections. Said notice shall also be posted at the county election board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

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