

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

By: Settle of the House

and

Robinson of the Senate

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Section 2-117, which relates to secretary of county election board; removing certain population limitation; modifying salaries of certain election officials; construing section of law; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 2-117, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-117. A. The secretary of the county election board shall be the administrative officer of the county election board and shall have general supervisory authority over the several precinct election boards within the county. ~~In counties having seventeen thousand five hundred or more registered voters, the~~ The secretary shall ~~have the authority to employ and/or terminate~~ an assistant secretary and such other employees as are necessary to perform the duties of the county election board. ~~In counties having fewer than~~

~~seventeen thousand five hundred registered voters, the secretary shall employ a chief clerk and such other employees as are necessary to perform the duties of the county election board.~~ The secretary shall be charged with the operational responsibilities of the board, including, but not limited to, supervision, defining job positions and responsibilities of the employees, preparation of the annual budget, preparation and filing of all reports, and the implementation of policy, findings and actions lawfully prescribed or determined by the county election board. The minimum salary of the assistant secretary shall be equal to the salary of the highest salaried first or chief deputy or assistant to any county officer in the same county, ~~or shall be equal to ninety percent (90%)~~ excluding the undersheriff. However, in no case shall the minimum salary be greater than ninety percent (90%) of the scheduled salary of a ~~full-time~~ the county election board secretary in the same county, ~~whichever is lower.~~ The minimum salary of the chief clerk shall be equal to one-half (1/2) of the salary of the highest salaried first or chief deputy or assistant to any county officer in the same county, ~~or ninety percent (90%) of the scheduled salary of a full-time secretary in the same county, whichever is lower.~~ Salaries of additional personnel, including personnel employed temporarily, shall not exceed the salary of the assistant secretary ~~or chief clerk~~ and shall be comparable to salaries paid for the same positions in other offices within the county, excluding the undersheriff of the county. The salaries of the assistant secretary, ~~chief clerk~~ and other personnel shall be paid from county funds on a monthly basis.

B. Nothing in this section shall reduce the salary of any election board personnel below the salary in effect on March 1, 1996.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

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.

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