

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1082

By: Rhodes of the House

and

Shurden and Long (Lewis)
of the Senate

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Section 12-111, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 1993 (26 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 12-111), which relates to vacancies in county elective offices; deleting reference to county offices in certain counties; modifying appointments for certain vacant county elective offices; providing procedure for filling vacancies in elective county offices in certain counties; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 12-111, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 1993 (26 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 12-111), is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-111. A. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of a county commissioner, ~~or occur in any elective county office of any county in the State of Oklahoma having a population of more than five hundred and fifty thousand (550,000), according to the latest Federal Decennial Census,~~ such the vacancy shall be filled at a special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30) days after ~~such the~~ the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall be called if the vacancy occurs after March 1 of any even-numbered year if the term of ~~said the~~ the office expires the following year. In such case, the candidate elected to ~~said the~~ the office at the Primary Election, runoff Primary Election, or the regular General Election shall be appointed by the Governor as soon as practical after the applicable election to fill the unexpired term.

B. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any elective county office of any county in this state having a population of more than five hundred and fifty thousand (550,000), according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, the vacancy shall be filled at a special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall be called if the vacancy occurs after March 1 of any even-numbered year if the term of the office expires the following year. In such case, the candidate elected to the office at the Primary Election, runoff Primary Election, or the regular General Election shall be appointed by the Governor as soon as practical after the applicable election to fill the unexpired term.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.
Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of May, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 8th day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate