

SHORT TITLE: Schools; providing for decision on election of members of board of education; codification; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 689

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; providing for decision on election of members of board of education; stating question to be considered; making certain vote binding for certain time; providing procedure by which certain question can be brought before certain school district electors; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 5-107B of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Section 5-107B A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the board of education of a school district which has established board districts shall submit to a vote of the school district electors at the 1997 regular school election the following question: "Shall all electors of the entire school district be permitted to vote on each and every school board member at the beginning of each of their respective terms, or shall electors of each board district be permitted to vote at the beginning of the board member's term only on board members from the elector's board district and not on other board members." The assent of a majority of the electors of the school district voting at such election shall be binding for three (3) consecutive years.

B. No more frequently than once during any three (3) consecutive years thereafter, may such district board of education resubmit the questions as set out in subsection A to a vote of the school district electors either upon its own resolution or pursuant to the filing of a valid petition requesting such questions be resubmitted and placed on the ballot of its next regular election. To be valid, the petition shall be signed by ten percent (10%) or more of the school district electors, said majority being applied to the highest number of voters voting in a regular school district election in the district in the preceding five (5) years as determined by the secretary of the county election board, who shall certify the adequacy of the number of signatures on the petition.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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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