

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE BILL 619

By: Taylor and Morgan of the
Senate

and

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House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state senate districts; providing short title; prescribing terms of state senators; fixing the boundaries of state senatorial districts; directing the preparation of maps and descriptions; providing for operative date; repealing 14 O.S. 1991, Sections 80.21, 80.22, 80.23, 80.24, and 80.25, which relate to the State Senate Apportionment Act of 1991; 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 80.30 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State Senate Redistricting Act of 2001".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.31 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Senators elected in 2002 from even-numbered districts provided hereinafter shall hold office until the fifteenth day succeeding the General Election in November, 2006, and thereafter shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. Senators elected from odd-numbered districts in November, 2000, shall hold office until the fifteenth day succeeding the General Election in November, 2004, and thereafter shall be elected for terms of four (4) years.

From and after the fifteenth day succeeding the General Election in November, 2002, the Senate districts shall bear the numerical designations hereinafter described and set forth.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.32 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Senate shall be composed of forty-eight (48) members elected from the districts hereinafter described. The following delineation of areas to be included in each Senate district is based on the official tracts, block groups, blocks, places and voting districts (VTD's) as defined in 2000 by the United States Bureau of the Census. The forty-eight (48) Senate districts shall consist of the counties, tracts, block groups, blocks, places and voting districts (VTD's) next described:

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.33 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and publish a description and maps of these forty-eight (48) Senate districts translating the descriptions by official census tracts, block groups, blocks, places and voting districts (VTD's) into commonly understood descriptions by metes and bounds with reference to well-recognized landmarks and boundaries. Copies of said descriptions and maps shall be provided by the Department of Transportation to the State Election Board.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.34 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Senate districts described herein shall become operative on the fifteenth day following the General Election in November, 2002; provided, however, the State Election Board shall conduct the

elections for the Senate in 2002 in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. REPEALER 14 O.S. 1991, Sections 80.21, 80.22, 80.23, 80.24 and 80.25, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 8. 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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