

By: Newport of the House
and
Dunlap of the Senate

(schools - amending 70 O.S., Section 15-102 - school
district bond elections - effective date -
emergency)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 15-102, is amended to read as follows:

Section 15-102. A. The board of education shall call an election, to be conducted by the county election board in all respects as other elections, for the purpose of taking the sense of the district upon the question of issuing ~~such~~ bonds, ~~naming~~. The board shall name in the proclamation of such for the election the amount following information:

1. The amount of bonds to be voted on and the;
2. The purpose for which they are to be issued; and it
3. The total bond indebtedness of the school district for all issued bonds on the date of the election; and
4. The ratio of total bond indebtedness of the school district for all issued bonds on the date of the election as compared to the current assessed taxable value of property in the school district.

B. The board of education shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in said the district the time and place of such the election, such notices to be and shall also include in the notice all information contained in the proclamation.

Notices shall be given at least ten (10) days before ~~such~~ the election.

C. In all instances where proclamations for elections for boards of education are required by statute of the mayor of a city, and in all instances where elections for boards of education are provided for by statute wherein the mayor and city clerk are denominated, the president of the board of education shall be substituted for the mayor and the clerk of the board of education shall be substituted for the city clerk. Boards of education are hereby declared to be free and independent of cities in all matters relating to school elections legally called upon all school matters, and presidents of boards of education shall have full power to issue proclamations calling school elections; ~~provided, that no.~~

D. No election shall be called on the same proposition within four (4) months after ~~such~~ the proposition has been defeated at an election by the school district electors. The provisions of this ~~act~~ subsection as to the waiting period shall not apply where the school facilities have been destroyed by an act of God. The cost of ~~such~~ bond elections, together with the cost of ~~such~~ proclamations, publication, notices or other expenses required, shall be legal costs of boards of education.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate