

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE BILL 739

By: Pruitt

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; providing for gubernatorial appointment and Senate confirmation of certain judges in certain counties; providing for retention ballots for election of certain judges; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 11-117 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor shall appoint to a term of four (4) years, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, all district judges and associate district judges in a county with a population of five hundred thousand (500,000) or more. Such judges shall be on ballots for retention upon the expiration of their terms.

B. A district or associate district judge currently serving on the effective date of this act shall serve the remainder of the term. Upon completion of such term, or upon any vacancy which occurs on or after the effective date of this act, the position shall be subject to appointment by the Governor pursuant to subsection A of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

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