

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2692

By: Lamons

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to district attorneys; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 215.1, which relates to the office of district attorney; requiring development of new district attorney districts within a certain time; providing for conduct of elections; providing procedure if plan is not submitted; and providing for development of plan for districts following each Federal Decennial Census.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 215.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 215.1 A. There is hereby created the office of district attorney in the State of Oklahoma, which office shall be filled and in the same manner as now prevails for district judge. Filing for said office shall be accomplished by filing with the State Election Board. ~~There~~

B. Until the General Election held in November, 2014, there shall be one district attorney for each of the district court judicial districts as they are composed and exist on March 1, 1965, with the following exceptions. Provided, however, that that part of Judicial District No. (14) which is Pawnee County shall be consolidated with Osage County to form District Attorney's District No. (10) and Judicial District No. (25) shall be consolidated with Judicial District No. (19) for the purposes of this act; and, provided further, that District Court Judicial District No. (5) be divided into two district attorney districts, one composed of Caddo, Grady, Stephens and Jefferson Counties to be denominated District

Attorney's District No. (6) and the other composed of Comanche and Cotton Counties, to be denominated District Attorney's District No. (5); and, that District Court Judicial District No. (4) shall be composed of Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Garfield and Grant Counties to be denominated District Attorney's District No. (4) and the other composed of Alfalfa, Major, Dewey, Woodward and Woods Counties, to be denominated District Attorney's District No. (26); that District Court Judicial District No. (15) be divided into two district attorneys' districts, one composed of Muskogee County to be denominated District Attorney's District No. (15) and the other composed of Wagoner, Cherokee, Sequoyah and Adair Counties to be denominated District Attorney's District No. (27); that Creek and Okfuskee Counties shall be denominated as District Attorney's District No. (24); Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties shall be denominated as District Attorney's District No. (25); and Pittsburg and Haskell Counties shall be denominated as District Attorney's District No. (18); and Latimer and LeFlore Counties shall be denominated as District Attorney's District No. (16); and District Attorney's District No. (7) shall consist of Oklahoma County; and, effective January 6, 2003, Kiowa, Jackson, Tillman, Harmon and Greer Counties shall be denominated as District Attorney's District No. (3); and, effective January 6, 2003, Washita, Ellis, Roger Mills, Custer and Beckham Counties shall be denominated as District Attorney's District No. (2). The State Election Board shall conduct the elections in 2002 for District No. (2) and District No. (3) in accordance with the provisions of this section.

C. Beginning with the terms of office of district attorneys elected at the General Election held in 2014, there shall be one district attorney for each district attorney district as composed pursuant to subsection D of this section. The State Election Board shall conduct the elections for such offices in 2014 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

D. By January 1, 2012, the District Attorneys Council shall submit to the Legislature a plan for establishing district attorney districts. If the Council fails to submit the plan, a plan shall be developed by the Attorney General and submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2013. If the Attorney General fails to submit the plan, the plan shall be devised by the Legislature.

E. After 2014, the District Attorneys Council shall review the plan for district attorney districts after each Federal Decennial Census and, within one (1) year thereafter, submit to the Legislature a new plan for district attorney districts to be followed in the next succeeding General Election at which district attorneys are elected. If the Council fails to submit the plan, a plan shall be developed by the Attorney General and submitted to the Legislature within two (2) years following the Federal Decennial Census. If the Attorney General fails to submit the plan, the plan shall be devised by the Legislature.

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