ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2902

By: Morgan, Pittman and Shumate of the House

and

Burrage of the Senate

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 321, which relates to county commissioner districts; requiring practicable division of districts; requiring resolution providing boundaries and effective date of reapportionment; providing effective date if none is specified; establishing a depository for certain maps and resolutions; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 321, is amended to read as follows:

Section 321. A. Each county shall be divided by the board of county commissioners into three (3) compact districts, as equal in population as ~~practical~~ <u>practicable</u> and numbered respectively one, two, and three. One commissioner shall be elected from each of said districts by the voters of the district, as provided for by law.

B. 1. Each county shall be reapportioned by the board of county commissioners on or before October 1 following the final

official publication of the Federal Decennial Census to the State of Oklahoma for the purposes of legislative redistricting. The reapportionment shall be recorded in a resolution adopted by the commissioners. The resolution shall include an effective date for the reapportioned county commissioner districts. If no effective date is provided for in the resolution, the effective date shall be the date that the resolution is adopted by the commissioners.

2. Beginning with the reapportionment following the 1990 Federal Decennial Census, all boundaries of county commissioner districts shall follow clearly visible, definable and observable physical boundaries which are based upon criteria established and recognized by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce for purposes of defining census blocks for its decennial census.

3. If the commissioners fail to reapportion the county as required by this subsection, the commissioners shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 91 through 105 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes and it shall be the duty of the county excise board to perform the reapportionment.

C. There is hereby established a depository for county commissioner district boundary maps and reapportionment resolutions within the Office of Geographic Information within the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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 5th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate