

1 B. Except as otherwise provided by law, no special election
2 shall be held by any county, school district, technology center
3 school district, municipality or other entity authorized to call
4 elections except on ~~the~~ the:

5 1. The second Tuesday of January, February, May, June, July,
6 August, September, October, November and December and the first
7 Tuesday in March and April in odd-numbered years ~~and the~~ ;

8 2. The second Tuesday of January, February, May, and December,
9 the first Tuesday in March and April, the last Tuesday in July, the
10 fourth Tuesday in August, and the first Tuesday after the first
11 Monday in November of any even-numbered year; except in any year
12 when a Presidential Preferential Primary Election is held in
13 ~~February~~ March, the date for the special elections shall be the same
14 date as the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

15 C. In the event that a regular or special election date occurs
16 on an official state holiday, the election shall be scheduled for
17 the next following Tuesday.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2001, Section 20-101, as
19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 174, O.S.L. 2003 (26 O.S. Supp. 2010,
20 Section 20-101), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 20-101. A. A Presidential Preferential Primary for
22 recognized political parties shall be held on the first Tuesday in
23 ~~February~~ March in each of the years in which the President and Vice
24 President of the United States are to be elected.

1 B. If one or more states having a mutual boundary with this
2 state establish a single date for a regional primary, the State
3 Election Board is authorized to change the date of the Oklahoma
4 primary to the date established for the regional primary.

5 C. No county, municipality, school district or other entity
6 authorized by law to call elections shall schedule an election on
7 any date during the twenty (20) days immediately preceding the date
8 of any such Primary Election. However, this subsection shall not
9 apply to home rule municipalities.

10 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2001, Section 20-102, as
11 amended by Section 24, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2003 (26 O.S. Supp. 2010,
12 Section 20-102), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 20-102. A. Candidates for the nomination for President
14 of the United States shall file with the Secretary of the State
15 Election Board. Such candidates shall be members of political
16 parties recognized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma and shall
17 have filed a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election
18 Commission and shall have raised and expended not less than Five
19 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for ~~said~~ the office. The candidates
20 shall be required to swear an oath or affirm that they meet the
21 aforementioned qualifications, and their signatures shall be
22 witnessed by a notary public. Such filing ~~beginning~~ shall begin at
23 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday in December and ~~ending~~ end at 5:00
24 p.m. on the next succeeding Wednesday, or at a time prescribed by

1 the State Election Board for a Presidential Preferential Primary to
2 be held on a date other than the first Tuesday in ~~February~~ March. A
3 statement of candidacy must be accompanied by a petition supporting
4 a candidate's filing signed by one percent (1%) of the registered
5 voters in each congressional district eligible to vote for a
6 candidate or one thousand (1,000) registered voters in each
7 congressional district eligible to vote for a candidate, whichever
8 is less, as reflected by the latest January 15 registration report;
9 or by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of Two
10 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). Such check shall be
11 forfeited unless a candidate receives more than fifteen percent
12 (15%) of the votes cast. The State Election Board shall cause the
13 names of all candidates who have filed within the proper time to be
14 printed on the official ballots. The ballots shall be prepared as
15 provided for by law. Voters shall be restricted to one vote for the
16 candidate of his or her choice of the political party in which the
17 voter is registered.

18 B. Each page of a petition supporting a candidate's filing
19 shall identify the county and the congressional district, and shall
20 contain the names of registered voters in only one congressional
21 district and in only one county.

22 C. Each page of a petition supporting a candidate's filing
23 shall be verified. Verification shall be made in substantial
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1 compliance with the provisions of Section 6 of Title 34 of the
2 Oklahoma Statutes.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04-07-2011 - DO PASS.
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