

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 HOUSE BILL 2442

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1       SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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