

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1848

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to courts; requiring the
8 redistricting of certain courts according to certain
9 criteria; requiring such redistricting to be
10 accomplished by a certain time; requiring the new
11 districts be used for certain General Election;
12 providing for subsequent redistricting of such
13 courts; providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16.15 of Title 20, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The districts of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal
20 Appeals and the district courts, except for the electoral divisions
21 thereof, shall be redistricted as equal in population as
22 practicable. The electoral divisions shall be divided as nearly
23 equal in population as practicable, but the divisions shall preserve
24 the minority districts of District No. 7 and District No. 14.

Consideration shall also be given to any residency requirements of

1 each court; provided, however, such requirements shall not supersede
2 the population requirement.

3 B. The redistricting required by this section shall be
4 accomplished no later than July 1, 2014, and the State Election
5 Board shall conduct the elections for any office of such courts on
6 the retention ballot of the General Election of 2014 using the new
7 district boundaries.

8 C. Redistricting of the districts of such courts shall
9 subsequently be conducted as provided in subsection A of this
10 section on or before September 1, 2021, following the final official
11 publication of the Federal Decennial Census to this state for the
12 purposes of legislative redistricting and every ten (10) years
13 thereafter.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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