

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1402

By: Johnson and Sherrer of the
House

and

Barrington of the Senate

An Act relating to cities and towns; amending 11 O.S. 2011, Section 16-302, which relates to the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act; modifying population requirements for certain elections; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Town Meeting Act

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 16-302, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-302. A. Except as otherwise provided in this act, Section 16-301 et seq. of this title, ~~sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act,~~ all municipalities with fewer than ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ two thousand (2,000) residents, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, that are not governed by charter, shall elect officers and consider questions raised by initiative or referendum, pursuant to Section 15-101 et seq. of this title, at biennial town meetings or special town meetings of the voters of each municipality as provided in this act. Provided, that a municipality of fewer than ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ two thousand (2,000) residents may at any time adopt an ordinance requiring that its officers shall be elected and initiative and referendum questions shall be decided only through elections conducted by the county election board pursuant to Section 16-101 et seq. of this title. Any municipality that passes an ordinance pursuant to this section shall upon adoption of the ordinance provide a copy of the ordinance

to the county election board of the county in which the municipality is located.

B. If the ordinance is repealed, elections of the municipality shall be at a town meeting. The municipality shall provide a copy of the repealer to the county election board of the county in which the municipality is located. If a municipality with fewer than ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ two thousand (2,000) residents fails to hold its regular municipal elections as required by law, the municipality shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act, Section 16-301 et seq. of this title; provided, further, that such municipality may adopt a resolution requiring that its elections be conducted by the county election board as provided in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 8th day of April, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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