

1 Section 15-68. A. There is hereby constituted a board of
2 directors for the free fair association.

3 B. 1. The board of directors shall be composed of nine (9)
4 members, who shall be by written ballot elected for a term of ~~four~~
5 ~~(4)~~ three (3) years. Three members shall be elected annually, one
6 from each county commissioner's district of the counties ~~as provided~~
7 ~~in Sections 2 through 5 of this act,~~ at a public meeting or
8 convention of the qualified electors of each commissioner's district
9 in the counties.

10 2. A qualified elector shall be a registered voter of the
11 county and may only vote for the board members from the district in
12 which the elector resides. The county commissioner holding the
13 election may request proof of residency and a voter registration
14 card of the county to qualify electors.

15 3. The board of county commissioners shall include in the
16 publication notice of the election the requirements to be a
17 qualified voter. Notice of the election shall be given by
18 publication in a newspaper published in each of the counties for ten
19 (10) days before the election. Notice of the filing period for the
20 election shall be given in a newspaper published in the county,
21 published one time at least ten (10) days before the filing period
22 for the election.

23 C. The board of county commissioners shall, by resolution, set
24 forth the following conditions concerning the election:

- 1 1. The filing period shall consist of five (5) consecutive
2 business days and commence in January;
- 3 2. The date and time the filing period will commence and end;
4 3. The date, time and place of the election;
- 5 4. Only registered voters of the county are eligible to file as
6 a candidate;
- 7 5. Any person so filing must reside in the commissioner's
8 district or city they seek to represent;
- 9 6. Prospective candidates must file with the county clerk; and
10 7. The board of county commissioners shall prescribe a form to
11 be used by prospective candidates filing for the position of
12 director of the fair association board.

13 D. 1. The date of the election for the fair association board
14 of directors shall be no later than three (3) weeks from the date of
15 the final day of the filing period. If there is only one candidate
16 for any of the commissioners' districts, the commissioners may
17 cancel the election with notice being given by publication and
18 posting at least ten (10) days prior to the election date previously
19 established and the candidate shall be deemed to be elected.

20 2. In the event there is no candidate for the election to the
21 fair association board of directors, the county commissioners shall
22 appoint a director for each position for which no candidates have
23 filed by the close of the filing period. The appointment or
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1 appointments will be announced no later than two (2) weeks from the
2 closing of the filing period.

3 3. When a director is unable to fulfill the term to which the
4 director has been elected to serve, for any reason, the board of
5 county commissioners shall appoint the successor.

6 E. 1. At the annual election there shall be elected one (1)
7 person from each commissioner's district who is a qualified elector
8 of the district. Each shall serve as a director of the association
9 for a term of three (3) years, and until a successor is elected or
10 appointed and qualified.

11 2. The commissioner or commissioner's designee shall preside at
12 the meeting and have the authority to appoint a secretary of the
13 meeting. The commissioner and secretary shall certify to the county
14 clerk of each of the counties the names of the directors elected,
15 and the county clerk shall keep a record thereof and shall issue to
16 each person elected a certificate of election.

17 F. When a tie vote occurs in the election of a fair association
18 board of directors, the commissioner or commissioner's designee
19 shall select the candidate by lot pursuant to the procedures set
20 forth in Section 8-105 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 G. 1. The directors so elected shall meet at the next
22 regularly scheduled monthly meeting immediately following the
23 elections at the regular meeting place of the counties for the
24 purpose of organization, and shall elect a president, a vice-

1 president, a secretary and a treasurer; provided, that the secretary
2 need not be a member of the board of directors.

3 2. The treasurer shall furnish a surety bond executed with a
4 qualified surety company doing business in this state, in such
5 amount as the directors of the board may determine to be necessary
6 to indemnify against any loss which may arise by reason of failure
7 to perform the necessary duties of the office or other misconduct in
8 office for which the director shall be held liable.

9 ~~D.~~ H. Meetings of the directors may be called by the president
10 of the board or fixed by the board at any time convenient. However,
11 the first election held under this section shall be on the first
12 Saturday of June, and the board so elected at the election shall
13 meet for organization purposes on the second Saturday of June of
14 such year.

15 SECTION 2. REPEALER Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, Chapter 104,
16 O.S.L. 2012 (2 O.S. Supp. 2012, Sections 15-68.1, 15-68.2, 15-68.3
17 and 15-68.4), are hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE, dated
21 03/27/2013 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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