

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE BILL 1237

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county officers; amending 19 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 131, as amended by Section 1, Chapter  
9 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 131),  
10 which relates to elections and terms of county  
11 officers; deleting obsolete language; prohibiting  
12 service as certain county officers in excess of  
13 certain time period; excepting certain years from  
14 limitation; providing exception for persons serving  
15 in such positions on effective date of act; and  
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as  
19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2013,  
20 Section 131), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 131. A. ~~At the general election to be held in November~~  
22 ~~1974, there shall be elected in each county of the state, a court~~  
23 ~~clerk, a county sheriff, and a county clerk who shall hold office~~  
24 ~~for a term of two (2) years, the terms of the court clerk, county~~  
~~sheriff and county clerk beginning on the first Monday in January~~  
~~following their election, and until their successors are elected and~~  
~~qualified.~~ At the general election to be held in November 1976, and

1 each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each  
2 county of the state, a court clerk, a county sheriff, and a county  
3 clerk who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years; the terms  
4 of the court clerk, the county sheriff and the county clerk,  
5 beginning on the first business day in January following their  
6 election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

7 B. At the general election to be held in November 1974, and  
8 each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each  
9 county of the state, a county assessor and a county treasurer, who  
10 shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. The term of the  
11 county assessor shall begin on the first business day in January  
12 following the election, and shall terminate when a successor is  
13 elected and qualified. The term of the county treasurer shall begin  
14 on the first Monday in July following the election and shall  
15 terminate when the successor is duly elected and qualified.

16 C. At the general election to be held in November 1990, and  
17 each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each  
18 county of the state two county commissioners, one from the first  
19 county commissioner district and one from the third county  
20 commissioner district, who shall hold office for a term of four (4)  
21 years. At the general election to be held in November 1990, there  
22 shall be elected in each county of the state one county commissioner  
23 from the second county commissioner district who shall hold office  
24 for a term of six (6) years. At the general election to be held in

1 November 1996, and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be  
2 elected in each county of the state, one county commissioner from  
3 the second county commissioner district, who shall hold office for a  
4 term of four (4) years. The terms of the county commissioners shall  
5 begin on the first business day in January following their election,  
6 and shall terminate when their successors are elected and qualified.

7 D. No person shall be eligible to serve as court clerk, county  
8 sheriff, county clerk, county assessor, county treasurer or county  
9 commissioner for a period of time in excess of twelve (12) years.  
10 Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person  
11 elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a  
12 vacancy in any such office shall not be included in the limitations  
13 set forth herein. Any person serving in such position on November  
14 1, 2014, shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she  
15 has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional twelve  
16 (12) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this  
17 subsection.

18 E. A county officer shall be eligible to become a candidate for  
19 another county office or state office.

20 ~~E.~~ F. In order to file as a candidate for county commissioner  
21 in a county commissioner's district, the candidate must have been a  
22 qualified registered elector and have maintained a current principal  
23 residence in that district for at least six (6) months immediately  
24 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

1 Evidence of a "principal residence" may include, but not be limited  
2 to, the address listed on:

- 3 1. A federal or state tax return;
- 4 2. A driver license; or
- 5 3. An automobile registration.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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