

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1938

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as amended by
Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp.
2014, Section 131), which relates to county officers;
providing term limits for certain county officers;
and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2014,
Section 131), is amended to read as follows:

Section 131. A. At the general election to be held in November
1974, there shall be elected in each county of the state, a court
clerk, a county sheriff, and a county clerk who shall hold office
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
each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each

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

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

15 C. At the general election to be held in November 1990, and
16 each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each
17 county of the state two county commissioners, one from the first
18 county commissioner district and one from the third county
19 commissioner district, who shall hold office for a term of four (4)
20 years. At the general election to be held in November 1990, there
21 shall be elected in each county of the state one county commissioner
22 from the second county commissioner district who shall hold office
23 for a term of six (6) years. At the general election to be held in
24 November 1996, and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be

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

6 D. A county officer shall be eligible to become a candidate for
7 another county office or state office.

8 E. In order to file as a candidate for county commissioner in a
9 county commissioner's district, the candidate must have been a
10 qualified registered elector and have maintained a current principal
11 residence in that district for at least six (6) months immediately
12 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

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

- 15 1. A federal or state tax return;
- 16 2. A driver license; or
- 17 3. An automobile registration.

18 F. Any officer listed in this section who is elected to office
19 after the effective date of this act shall be eligible to serve no
20 more than sixteen (16) years in office. Years in office need not be
21 consecutive and years of service in multiple offices listed in this
22 section shall be added together and included in determining the
23 total number of years in office. The years served by an official in
24 this section elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to

1 fill a vacancy in office shall not be included in the sixteen-year
2 limitation set forth herein; but no official who has completed
3 sixteen (16) years in office shall thereafter be eligible to serve a
4 partial term. Any official in this section who is serving a term in
5 office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in
6 office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete
7 his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional sixteen
8 (16) years thereafter.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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