

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 906

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the
8 Superintendent Restructuring Act; providing for the
9 dissolution of school district boundaries effective
10 upon certain date; providing for creation of county
11 school districts; providing for selection of county
12 school board; providing for terms of members;
13 providing for dissolution of certain school boards;
14 directing the hiring of a county superintendent;
15 providing qualifications; providing for transference
16 of assets, liabilities, powers, duties, employees,
17 contracts, property, records, pending business, and
18 unexpended funds; exempting certain collective
19 bargaining agreements from effect of act; requiring
20 State Board of Education approval of certain
21 boundaries; directing promulgation of rules; updating
22 references upon certain date; providing for
23 codification; and providing effective dates.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-207 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Superintendent
23 Restructuring Act".
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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-208 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Except as provided for in subsection F of this section,
5 effective July 1, 2020, all elementary school districts and
6 independent school districts in existence within the state on June
7 30, 2020, shall be dissolved. On July 1, 2020, each county in the
8 state shall constitute one school district and shall be named after
9 the county in which the district is located.

10 B. Each county school district shall be governed by a county
11 school board of education, which shall have all of the powers and
12 duties provided for in Section 5-117 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes. Effective July 1, 2020, the board of education of the
14 school district in the county that has the highest average daily
15 membership as of June 30, 2020, shall serve as the county school
16 board for the newly created district. Members of the county school
17 board shall serve for the terms for which they were elected and
18 until their successors have been duly elected or appointed pursuant
19 to Section 5-107A of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The boards
20 of education of all other elementary school districts and
21 independent school districts within the county shall be dissolved
22 effective July 1, 2020.

23 C. The first duty of the county school board shall be to hire
24 a county superintendent, who shall meet the requirements provided in

1 Section 6-189 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The county
2 superintendent shall have general administrative direction and
3 supervision of the schools within the county.

4 D. All assets, liabilities, powers, duties, employees,
5 contracts, property, records, pending business, and unexpended funds
6 of all elementary school districts and independent school districts
7 in existence within a county on June 30, 2020, shall become the
8 responsibility of the county school district created effective July
9 1, 2020.

10 E. The rights of school district employees under applicable
11 collective bargaining agreements created pursuant to Section 509.2
12 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be affected by the
13 provisions of this act.

14 F. In establishing the county school district boundaries
15 according to the provisions of this section, a county school board
16 of education shall seek the approval of the State Board of Education
17 if the proposed boundaries would extend outside the applicable
18 county's boundaries.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-209 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. As of July 1, 2020, all references to "school district"
23 shall mean "county school district".
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1 B. As of July 1, 2020, all references to "superintendent" shall
2 mean "county superintendent".

3 C. As of July 1, 2020, all references to "school district board
4 of education" shall mean "county school board of education".

5 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-210 of Title 70, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The State Board of Education shall promulgate necessary rules to
9 implement the provisions of this act.

10 SECTION 5. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this act shall become
11 effective November 1, 2016.

12 SECTION 6. Section 3 of this act shall become effective July 1,
13 2020.

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