

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1925

By: Kannady of the House

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6 [courts - Supreme Court - transition - effective
7 date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 1, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1. The Supreme Court shall consist of nine (9) ~~justices~~
14 Justices. ~~Immediately upon the passage and approval of this act,~~
15 ~~the Governor shall appoint by and with the advice and consent of the~~
16 ~~Senate one Justice of the Supreme Court from each of the four~~
17 ~~additional Supreme Court judicial districts hereby created, each of~~
18 ~~whom shall serve until the second Monday in January, 1919, Each~~
19 Justice in office November 1, 2017, shall serve the term for which
20 the Justice was appointed or retained in office by retention ballot
21 and until his or her successor is ~~elected~~ appointed and qualified,
22 unless the Justice vacates the office prior to the end of his or her
23 term or is removed from office as provided by law.
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1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 2. ~~The~~ A. Until November 1, 2017, the Supreme Court
4 shall be composed of one Justice from each of the Judicial Districts
5 as follows:

6 1. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 1 shall embrace and
7 include the following counties: Ottawa, Craig, Nowata, Rogers,
8 Washington, Osage, Pawnee, Kay and Grant~~;~~;

9 ~~The~~ 2. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 2 shall embrace and
10 include the following counties: LeFlore, Haskell, Pittsburg,
11 Latimer, Pushmataha, McCurtain, Choctaw, Bryan, Marshall, Johnston,
12 Atoka, McIntosh and Sequoyah~~;~~;

13 ~~The~~ 3. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 3 shall embrace and
14 include the following county: Oklahoma~~;~~;

15 ~~The~~ 4. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 4 shall embrace and
16 include the following counties: Beckham, Dewey, Roger Mills, Ellis,
17 Woodward, Woods, Major, Harper, Beaver, Texas, Cimarron, Alfalfa,
18 Garfield, Kingfisher, Blaine, Custer and Washita~~;~~;

19 ~~The~~ 5. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 5 shall embrace and
20 include the following counties: Cleveland, McClain, Garvin, Murray,
21 Carter, Love, Grady, Stephens and Jefferson~~;~~;

22 ~~The~~ 6. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 6 shall embrace and
23 include the following county: Tulsa~~;~~;

1 ~~The~~ 7. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 7 shall embrace and
2 include the following counties: Muskogee, Creek, Okmulgee, Wagoner,
3 Cherokee, Adair, Delaware and Mayes~~;~~;

4 ~~The~~ 8. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 8 shall embrace and
5 include the following counties: Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes,
6 Pontotoc, Coal, Okfuskee, Lincoln, Logan, Payne and Noble~~;~~; and

7 ~~The~~ 9. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 9 shall embrace and
8 include the following counties: Kiowa, Jackson, Tillman, Harmon,
9 Cotton, Comanche, Caddo, Greer and Canadian.

10 B. Beginning November 1, 2017, the Supreme Court shall be
11 composed as follows:

12 1. One Justice from each of five districts, to be composed of
13 each of the Congressional Districts as constituted on November 1,
14 2017; and

15 2. Four Justices selected at-large. Two of the at-large
16 Justices shall be selected from counties with populations of less
17 than seventy-five thousand (75,000) people.

18 C. The transition from the composition of the Supreme Court
19 provided in subsection A of this section to the composition provided
20 in subsection B of this section shall be as follows:

21 1. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 1
22 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
23 District 2;

1 2. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 2
2 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
3 the state at-large;

4 3. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 3
5 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
6 District 5;

7 4. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 4
8 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
9 District 3;

10 5. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 5
11 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
12 District 4;

13 6. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 6
14 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
15 District 1;

16 7. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 7
17 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
18 the state at-large;

19 8. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 8
20 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
21 the state at-large; and

22 9. The Justice representing Supreme Court Judicial District 9
23 as that district existed prior to November 1, 2017, shall represent
24 the state at-large.

D. If the boundaries of the Congressional Districts change, any such change shall apply to appointments or retention elections occurring after the boundary change. If the number of Congressional Districts changes, the number of districts provided for in paragraph 1 of subsection B of this section shall be changed to equal that number of Congressional Districts; the number of at-large statewide Justices shall be modified, beginning with the at-large Justices from counties of less than seventy-five thousand (75,000) people, so that the total number of districts remains nine; and any such change shall apply to appointments or retention elections occurring after the change in Congressional Districts.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate