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February 28, 2018

By: Quinn

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 3-101, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 3-101), which relates to general administration; expanding language relating to certain election requirements; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 3-101, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 3-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-101. A. No election required to be conducted by any county election board shall be scheduled for a day other than Tuesday.

B. Except as otherwise provided by law, no regular or special election to fill an elective office shall be held by any county, school district, technology center school district, municipality, fire protection district or other political subdivision authorized to call elections except as follows:

1. The second Tuesday of February in any year;
2. The first Tuesday of April in any year;

1 3. The date of any regularly scheduled statewide state or
2 federal election in an even-numbered year;

3 4. The second Tuesday of September in an odd-numbered year; and

4 5. The second Tuesday of November in an odd-numbered year.

5 C. Except as otherwise provided by law, no election for any
6 purpose other than to fill an elective office shall be held by any
7 county, school district, technology center school district,
8 municipality, fire protection district or other political
9 subdivision authorized to call elections except on:

10 1. The second Tuesday of January, February, May, June, July,
11 August, September, October and November and the first Tuesday in
12 March and April in odd-numbered years; provided, a municipality with
13 a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
14 persons, according to the most recent federal decennial census, may
15 also hold an election on the second Tuesday of December in odd-
16 numbered years; and

17 2. The second Tuesday of January and February, the first
18 Tuesday in March and April, the last Tuesday in June, the fourth
19 Tuesday in August, and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
20 November of any even-numbered year.

21 D. In the event that a regular or special election date occurs
22 on an official state holiday, the election shall be scheduled for
23 the next following Tuesday. In the event that any day of a
24 candidate filing period occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or any official

1 state holiday, that day of the filing period shall be scheduled for
2 the next business day.

3 E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any provision
4 of a municipal charter, any municipality, school district,
5 technology center district, county, rural fire protection district,
6 or any other entity seeking to hold a regular or special election to
7 be conducted by a county election board on the same date as a
8 regular or special federal or state election, shall file the
9 resolution calling for the election with the county election board
10 secretary no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the election
11 date. A candidate filing period of three (3) days, if so required
12 by the resolution, shall begin no later than ten (10) days following
13 the deadline to file the resolution with the secretary of the county
14 election board; provided, the filing period for such municipal
15 office may be scheduled on the same dates as the filing period for
16 state or federal office to be filled at such election.

17 F. Any school district, technology center district,
18 municipality, including any municipality governed by charter, rural
19 fire protection district or any other entity seeking to hold a
20 special election for the purpose of filling a vacancy shall schedule
21 a candidate filing period of three (3) days to begin not more than
22 twenty (20) days following the date the resolution calling the
23 election is required to be filed with the secretary of the county
24 election board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
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