

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 449

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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.
2016, Section 131), which relates to county officers;
modifying election years; providing term limits for
certain county offices; providing an effective date;
and declaring an emergency.

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. 2016,
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~~ 2018,
7 and 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 amendment shall be eligible to
20 | serve no more than twelve (12) years in office. Years in office
21 | need not be consecutive and years of service in multiple offices
22 | listed in this section shall be added together and included in
23 | determining the total number of years in office. The years served
24 | by an official in this section elected or appointed to serve less

1 than a full term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included
2 in the twelve-year limitation set forth herein; but no official who
3 has completed twelve (12) years in office shall thereafter be
4 eligible to serve a partial term. Any official in this section who
5 is serving a term in office or who has been elected or appointed to
6 serve a term in office on the effective date hereof shall be
7 entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve
8 an additional twelve (12) years thereafter.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

10 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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