

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2215

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
8 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as amended by
9 Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp.
10 2016, Section 131), which relates to elections of
11 county officers; increasing length of terms for
12 certain elected county officers; amending 19 O.S.
13 2011, Section 215.20, which relates to the elections
14 of district attorneys; increasing length of terms for
15 district attorneys; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2016,
19 Section 131), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 131. A. ~~At the general election to be held in November~~
21 ~~1974, there shall be elected in each county of the state, a court~~
22 ~~clerk, a county sheriff, and a county clerk who shall hold office~~
23 ~~for a term of two (2) years, the terms of the court clerk, county~~
24 ~~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~~

1 ~~each four (4) years thereafter~~, there shall be elected in each
2 county of the state, a court clerk, a county sheriff, and a county
3 clerk who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years; the terms
4 of the court clerk, the county sheriff and the county clerk,
5 beginning on the first business day in January following their
6 election, and until their successors are elected and qualified. At
7 the general election to be held in November 2020, and each twenty-
8 four (24) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each county of
9 the state, a court clerk, a county sheriff and a county clerk who
10 shall hold office for a term of twenty-four (24) years; the terms of
11 the court clerk, the county sheriff and the county clerk, beginning
12 on the first business day in January following their election, and
13 until their successors are elected and qualified.

14 B. At the general election to be held in November 1974, ~~and~~
15 ~~each four (4) years thereafter~~, there shall be elected in each
16 county of the state, a county assessor and a county treasurer, who
17 shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. The term of the
18 county assessor shall begin on the first business day in January
19 following the election, and shall terminate when a successor is
20 elected and qualified. The term of the county treasurer shall begin
21 on the first Monday in July following the election and shall
22 terminate when the successor is duly elected and qualified. At the
23 general election to be held in November 2018, and each twenty-four
24 (24) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each county of the

1 state, a county assessor and a county treasurer who shall hold
2 office for a term of twenty-four (24) years. The term of the county
3 assessor shall begin on the first business day in January following
4 the election, and shall terminate when a successor is elected and
5 qualified. The term of the county treasurer shall begin on the
6 first Monday in July following the election and shall terminate when
7 the successor is duly elected and qualified.

8 C. At the general election to be held in November 1990, ~~and~~
9 ~~each four (4) years thereafter,~~ there shall be elected in each
10 county of the state two county commissioners, one from the first
11 county commissioner district and one from the third county
12 commissioner district, who shall hold office for a term of four (4)
13 years. At the general election to be held in November 1990, there
14 shall be elected in each county of the state one county commissioner
15 from the second county commissioner district who shall hold office
16 for a term of six (6) years. At the general election to be held in
17 November 1996, ~~and each four (4) years thereafter,~~ there shall be
18 elected in each county of the state, one county commissioner from
19 the second county commissioner district, who shall hold office for a
20 term of four (4) years. The terms of the county commissioners shall
21 begin on the first business day in January following their election,
22 and shall terminate when their successors are elected and qualified.
23 At the general election to be held in November 2018, and each
24 twenty-four (24) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each

1 county of the state two county commissioners, one from the first
2 county commissioner district and one from the third county
3 commissioner district, who shall hold office for a term of twenty-
4 four (24) years. At the general election to be held in November
5 2020, and each twenty-four (24) years thereafter, there shall be
6 elected in each county of the state, one county commissioner from
7 the second county commissioner district, who shall hold office for a
8 term of twenty-four (24) years. The terms of the county
9 commissioners shall begin on the first business day in January
10 following their election, and shall terminate when their successors
11 are elected and qualified.

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

14 E. In order to file as a candidate for county commissioner in a
15 county commissioner's district, the candidate must have been a
16 qualified registered elector and have maintained a current principal
17 residence in that district for at least six (6) months immediately
18 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.
19 Evidence of a "principal residence" may include, but not be limited
20 to, the address listed on:

- 21 1. A federal or state tax return;
- 22 2. A driver license; or
- 23 3. An automobile registration.

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1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 215.20, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 215.20 At the primaries and general elections held in
4 1966, ~~and each four (4) years thereafter,~~ there shall be nominated
5 and elected in each and every district attorney's district in the
6 State of Oklahoma, a district attorney, who shall hold office for a
7 term of four (4) years, beginning on the first Monday of January
8 following his election, and until his successor is elected and
9 qualified. At the primaries and general elections held in 2018, and
10 each twenty-four (24) years thereafter, there shall be nominated and
11 elected in each and every district attorney's district in the State
12 of Oklahoma, a district attorney, who shall hold office for a term
13 of twenty-four (24) years, beginning on the first Monday of January
14 following his election, and until his successor is elected and
15 qualified.

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

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