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3 HOUSE BILL 3351

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to district assessors; creating
8 offices of district assessors; dividing state into
9 districts; abolishing offices of county assessors;
10 transferring powers and duties; amending 19 O.S.
11 2011, Section 131, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
12 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 131),
13 which relates to election of county officers;
14 providing expiration of county assessor offices;
15 providing for election of district assessor; amending
16 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-110, providing time period
17 for declaration of candidacy for district assessors
18 for certain election; providing for codification; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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1 provided in Sections 92.2 through 92.27 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes.

3 B. The offices of county assessors in each county of this state
4 are hereby abolished. All powers, duties, responsibilities,
5 property personnel, assets, liabilities, fund balances, encumbrances
6 and obligations of the county assessor are hereby transferred and
7 vested to the Office of District Assessor for their respective
8 county. All references made in the Oklahoma Statutes to county
9 assessors shall mean the district assessors.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as
11 amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2017,
12 Section 131), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 131. A. At the general election to be held in November
14 1974, there shall be elected in each county of the state, a court
15 clerk, a county sheriff, and a county clerk who shall hold office
16 for a term of two (2) years, the terms of the court clerk, county
17 sheriff and county clerk beginning on the first Monday in January
18 following their election, and until their successors are elected and
19 qualified. At the general election to be held in November 1976, and
20 each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each
21 county of the state, a court clerk, a county sheriff, and a county
22 clerk who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years; the terms
23 of the court clerk, the county sheriff and the county clerk,
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1 beginning on the first business day in January following their
2 election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

3 B. At the general election to be held in November 1974, and
4 each four (4) years thereafter for county treasurers and until
5 November 2018 for county assessors, there shall be elected in each
6 county of the state, a county assessor and a county treasurer, who
7 shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. The term of the
8 county assessor shall begin on the first business day in January
9 following the election, and shall terminate when a successor is
10 elected and qualified. The term of the county treasurer shall begin
11 on the first Monday in July following the election and shall
12 terminate when the successor is duly elected and qualified. At the
13 general election to be held in November 2018, and each four (4)
14 years thereafter, there shall be elected in each assessor district
15 of the state, as provided by subsection A of Section 1 of this act,
16 a district assessor who shall hold office for a term of four (4)
17 years. The term of the district assessor shall begin on the first
18 business day in January following the election and shall terminate
19 when a successor is elected and qualified.

20 C. At the general election to be held in November 1990, and
21 each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each
22 county of the state two county commissioners, one from the first
23 county commissioner district and one from the third county
24 commissioner district, who shall hold office for a term of four (4)

1 years. At the general election to be held in November 1990, there
2 shall be elected in each county of the state one county commissioner
3 from the second county commissioner district who shall hold office
4 for a term of six (6) years. At the general election to be held in
5 November 1996, and each four (4) 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 four (4) years. The terms of the county commissioners shall
9 begin on the first business day in January following their election,
10 and shall terminate when their successors are elected and qualified.

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

13 E. In order to file as a candidate for county commissioner in a
14 county commissioner's district, the candidate must have been a
15 qualified registered elector and have maintained a current principal
16 residence in that district for at least six (6) months immediately
17 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

18 Evidence of a "principal residence" may include, but not be limited
19 to, the address listed on:

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

23 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-110, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5-110. A. Except as otherwise provided in this
2 section, Declarations of Candidacy provided herein must be filed
3 with the secretary of the appropriate election board no earlier than
4 8:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of April of any even-numbered year
5 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Friday. Such
6 Declarations of Candidacy may be transmitted by United States mail,
7 but in no event shall the secretary of any election board accept
8 such Declarations after the time prescribed by law.

9 B. Declarations of Candidacy for district assessors for the
10 November 2018 election shall be filed with the Oklahoma State
11 Election Board no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2018, and no
12 later than 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2018. Such Declarations of
13 Candidacy may be transmitted by United States mail.

14 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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