

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 3-101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2018 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-101), which relates to election dates; modifying dates for certain elections; providing exception; 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 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2018 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018, 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~~ for any purpose 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;

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

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

5. The ~~second~~ first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in an odd-numbered year.

C. ~~Except as otherwise provided by law, no election for any purpose other than 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 on:~~

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

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

1 D. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not
2 apply to a special election called by the Governor to fill a vacancy
3 in an elective office.

4 E. In the event that a regular or special election date occurs
5 on an official state holiday, the election shall be scheduled for
6 the next following Tuesday. In the event that any day of a
7 candidate filing period occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or any official
8 state holiday, that day of the filing period shall be scheduled for
9 the next business day.

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

1 ~~F.~~ G. Any school district, technology center district,
2 municipality, including any municipality governed by charter, rural
3 fire protection district or any other entity seeking to hold a
4 special election for the purpose of filling a vacancy shall schedule
5 a candidate filing period of three (3) days to begin not more than
6 twenty (20) days following the date the resolution calling the
7 election is required to be filed with the secretary of the county
8 election board.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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