

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 728

By: Paxton

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An Act relating to county districts; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 321, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 2012 (19 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 321), which relates to county commissioner districts; modifying date of specific reapportionment completion; updating statutory language; and providing an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 321, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 2012 (19 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 321), is amended to read as follows:

Section 321. A. Each county shall be divided by the board of county commissioners into three (3) compact districts, as equal in population as practicable and numbered respectively one, two, and three. One commissioner shall be elected from each of ~~said~~ the districts by the voters of the district, as provided for by law.

B. 1. Each county shall be reapportioned by the board of county commissioners on or before October 1 following the final

1 official publication of the Federal Decennial Census to ~~the State of~~  
2 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state for the purposes of legislative redistricting.  
3 Provided, for purposes of the 2021 reapportionment of counties, each  
4 county shall be reapportioned by the board of county commissioners  
5 on or before November 30, 2021, following the final official  
6 publication of the Federal Decennial Census to this state for the  
7 purposes of legislative redistricting. The reapportionment shall be  
8 recorded in a resolution adopted by the commissioners. The  
9 resolution shall include an effective date for the reapportioned  
10 county commissioner districts. The effective date shall be January  
11 1 of the following year.

12 2. Beginning with the reapportionment following the 1990  
13 Federal Decennial Census, all boundaries of county commissioner  
14 districts shall follow clearly visible, definable and observable  
15 physical boundaries which are based upon criteria established and  
16 recognized by the Bureau of the Census of the United States  
17 Department of Commerce for purposes of defining census blocks for  
18 its decennial census.

19 3. If the commissioners fail to reapportion the county as  
20 required by this subsection, the commissioners shall be subject to  
21 the provisions of Sections 91 through 105 of Title 51 of the  
22 Oklahoma Statutes and it shall be the duty of the county excise  
23 board to perform the reapportionment.  
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1 C. There is hereby established a depository for county  
2 commissioner district boundary maps and reapportionment resolutions  
3 within the Office of Geographic Information within the Oklahoma  
4 Conservation Commission.

5 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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