

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1358

By: Paxton of the Senate

3 and

4 Martinez of the House

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7 An Act relating to election administration; amending
8 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-118, which relates to changes
9 in precincts; modifying term; and declaring an
10 emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-118, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 3-118. The secretary of the county election board in
15 each county may change the boundaries of, abolish or consolidate any
16 precinct, subject to the limitations provided by law, by observing
17 the following procedure:

18 1. No precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or
19 consolidated, or any boundary otherwise changed between January 1 of
20 any year which last digit is nine and December 31 of any year which
21 last digit is zero; and

22 2. The secretary of a county election board shall only change a
23 precinct by dividing or consolidating a precinct into two or more
24 precincts in a manner which will conform to designated census

1 geography except when it becomes necessary for reasons of a lack of
2 an adequate available polling place, or when road conditions hinder
3 or impede a voter's ability to vote, or to accomplish
4 ~~reapportionment~~ redistricting, or for any other lawful purpose.
5 Such changes shall conform to the requirements contained in Sections
6 3-115 and 3-116 of this title.

7 3. Changes may not become effective until notices of such
8 changes have been posted and mailed as provided in this paragraph
9 for thirty (30) days. One notice shall be posted at the door of the
10 polling place for the affected precinct, one notice posted at the
11 door of the county courthouse and one notice shall be mailed to the
12 State Election Board.

13 4. The registration of each registered voter affected by such
14 change shall be transferred as provided by law by the secretary of
15 the county election board without any request from the voter.

16 5. Each registered voter whose registration is transferred as
17 hereinbefore provided shall be notified of such transfer in writing
18 by the secretary of the county election board. At the same time,
19 the voter shall be issued a new voter identification card and shall
20 be instructed to destroy his or her former voter identification
21 card.

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

3 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 2022.

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6 Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
8 2022.

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11 Presiding Officer of the House
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