

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE BILL 1358

By: Paxton

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

2. The secretary of a county election board shall only change a precinct by dividing or consolidating a precinct into two or more 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.  
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