

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1666

By: Standridge

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Sections 13-103 and 13A-101, which relate to conduct of municipal and school district elections; requiring municipal elections to be partisan; requiring school district elections to be partisan; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 13-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 13-103. A. All municipal elections shall be held at the same place and in the same manner prescribed for conduct of state and county elections unless otherwise provided by law.

B. ~~A All elections of a municipality may adopt an ordinance requiring its elections to shall be partisan. If such an ordinance is adopted, a municipality shall notify the county election board that its election is to be partisan in its resolution calling for an election. If a municipality fails to notify the county election board that its election will be on a partisan basis in the resolution calling for an election, then the municipal election~~

1 ~~shall be on a nonpartisan basis. Provided, any municipality which~~
2 ~~is governed by a charter may provide otherwise by charter or~~
3 ~~ordinance.~~

4 C. All precincts totally or partially contained within the
5 limits of a municipality shall be open for all elections held by
6 such municipality; provided, however, that a municipality may
7 authorize any precinct which is only partially contained within the
8 limits of the municipality not to be opened by certifying to the
9 county election board in its resolution calling for an election that
10 no persons reside within that portion of the precinct contained
11 within the limits of the municipality. Polling places shall be open
12 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Precinct officials shall be the same
13 as for state and county elections; provided, however, that
14 substitutions, if necessary, shall be made by the secretary of the
15 county election board.

16 D. Except as otherwise provided by law, the laws governing
17 state and county Primary and General Elections shall be applicable
18 to all municipal elections.

19 E. All municipal elections, including elections for
20 municipalities with home rule charters, shall be held only on dates
21 identified in Section 3-101 of this title.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 13A-101, is
23 amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 13A-101. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the
2 general election laws shall apply to all elections for school
3 districts and technology center school districts. All elections for
4 school districts and technology center school districts shall be
5 partisan. When it is impossible or impractical to apply the general
6 election laws for school districts and technology center school
7 districts, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe
8 procedures consistent with the purposes of the general election
9 laws.

10 B. All precincts totally or partially contained within the
11 boundaries of a school district or a technology center school
12 district shall be open for all elections held by such school
13 district or technology center school district except as otherwise
14 provided in this section. A school district or technology center
15 school district may authorize any precinct which is only partially
16 located within the boundaries of the district not to be opened by
17 certifying to the county election board in the resolution calling
18 for an election that no persons reside within that portion of the
19 precinct contained within the boundaries of the district.

20 C. The Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized to
21 promulgate rules setting forth procedures to allow the board of
22 education of a school district or career technology school district
23 to request that a precinct only partially located within the
24 district's boundaries, and in which there are one hundred (100)

1 registered voters or less in the portion of the precinct located
2 within the district, not to be opened. The procedures shall ensure
3 that any registered voters affected are notified of the precinct
4 closing and of other voting options.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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