

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE BILL 563

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to election of county officials;
requiring election for county offices to be
nonpartisan; prohibiting declaration of party
affiliation on Declaration of Candidacy for county
office; clarifying eligibility for placement on
certain primary and general election ballots;
providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-103.1 of Title 26, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2022 election cycle, elections for any
county office shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis. Candidates
for a county office shall file a Declaration of Candidacy with the
secretary of the county election board as provided in Section 5-103
of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes but shall not declare a party
affiliation.

B. If more than two candidates qualify to have their names
appear on the ballot for a county office, the names of all such

1 candidates shall appear on the Primary Election ballot. If no
2 single candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes
3 cast at the Primary Election, the names of the two candidates
4 receiving the highest number of votes at the Primary Election shall
5 appear on the General Election ballot.

6 C. If only two candidates qualify to have their names appear on
7 the ballot for a county office, the names of both candidates shall
8 appear on the General Election ballot.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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