

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE BILL 1607

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to county elective offices; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 12-111, which relates to vacancies in county elective offices; prohibiting special election for certain vacancies; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 12-111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-111. A. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of a county commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled at a special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall be called if the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year if ~~the term of the office expires~~ is scheduled to appear on the ballot the same year, or if the vacancy occurs on or after December 1 of an odd-numbered year if the office is scheduled to appear on the ballot the following year. In such case, the candidate elected to the office at the Primary Election, runoff Primary Election, or the regular

1 General Election shall be appointed by the Governor as soon as
2 practical after the applicable election to fill the unexpired term.

3 B. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any elective county office
4 of any county in this state having a population of more than the
5 population figure specified in subsection ~~B~~ E of Section 10 of Title
6 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the vacancy shall be filled at a
7 special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30)
8 days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall
9 be called if the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year if ~~the term~~
10 ~~of the office expires~~ is scheduled to appear on the ballot the same
11 year, or if the vacancy occurs on or after December 1 of an odd-
12 numbered year if the office is scheduled to appear on the ballot the
13 following year. In such case, the candidate elected to the office
14 at the Primary Election, runoff Primary Election, or the regular
15 General Election shall be appointed by the Governor as soon as
16 practical after the applicable election to fill the unexpired term.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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