

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1871
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Impact:	\$230,000 per Statewide Election In Even-Numbered Years

Research Analysis

The second proposed committee substitute for HB 1871 modifies dates for school board elections. General elections will be held on the second Tuesday in November of each even-numbered year and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. Primary elections will be held on the second Tuesday in June of each odd-numbered year and on the third Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year. Candidates have from 8:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday in April to 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Friday to file their intent to run.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 1871 modifies school board election dates. Per the State Election Board (SEB), there would be an increase in costs to administer statewide elections of approximately Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand dollars (\$230,000.00) in even-numbered years. This cost increase is a result of the large number of "split" precincts that would contain 2 or more options for school board ballots, as these precincts would run a higher risk of errors in ballot issuance to voters and an increase in total time needed to vote.

In order to reduce the risk of errors and long lines on Election Day, the SEB would recommend at least one additional precinct official in each split precinct (there are currently 1,152 split precincts in Oklahoma) for statewide elections in even-numbered years. Additional training would be required for poll workers, at a yet-to-be determined cost.

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Other Considerations

None.