

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

POLICY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION  
FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL NO. 6

By: Seifried, Thompson, and  
Bullard of the Senate

and

Banning of the House

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to school district elections;  
amending 26 O.S. 2021, Sections 13A-103 and 13A-105,  
which relate to election dates and declaration of  
candidacy; modifying permissible dates for certain  
elections; modifying dates for filing for certain  
office; and providing an effective date.

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

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

Section 13A-103. A. 1. The general election of members of the  
board of education of every school district and technology center  
school district shall be conducted on the first Tuesday ~~of April of~~  
~~each year~~ after the first Monday of November any year.

1        2. The primary election of members of the board of education of  
2 every school district and technology center school district, if  
3 necessary, shall be conducted on ~~the second Tuesday in February of~~  
4 ~~each year, except in any year when a Presidential Preferential~~  
5 ~~Primary is held in February, then the election shall be held on the~~  
6 ~~same day as the Presidential Preferential Primary~~ the fourth Tuesday  
7 of August in any year.

8        3. If only two candidates qualify to have their names appear on  
9 the ballot, the names of both candidates shall appear on the ballot  
10 at the board of education general election.

11        4. If more than two candidates qualify to have their names  
12 appear on the ballot, the names of all such candidates shall appear  
13 on the ballot at the board of education primary election. A  
14 candidate receiving more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast  
15 in the board of education primary election shall be elected to the  
16 office. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of  
17 the votes cast in the board of education primary election, then the  
18 two candidates with the highest number of votes shall appear on the  
19 ballot at the board of education general election.

20        B. Elections on the question of making a levy or levies for  
21 schools under Section 9, Section 9B or Section 10 of Article X of  
22 the Oklahoma Constitution shall be held on the second Tuesday in  
23 February of each year, except in any year when a Presidential  
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1 Preferential Primary is held in February, then the election shall be  
2 held on the same day as the Presidential Preferential Primary.

3 C. The board of education of every school district or  
4 technology center school district may call a special election for  
5 the purpose of voting on any matter or question authorized by law.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 13A-105, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 13A-105. Candidates for member of the board of  
9 education of every school district or technology center school  
10 district shall file declarations of candidacy in the same place and  
11 with the same officials as candidates for county office. The  
12 declaration of candidacy to be signed by the candidate shall have an  
13 attachment to be signed by the candidate listing the requirements of  
14 a candidate for election or reelection to a school board as set  
15 forth in Sections 13A-106 and 5-105a of this title and Sections 5-  
16 110, 5-110.1, and 5-113 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and  
17 the candidate shall swear or affirm that he or she is eligible to  
18 run for the office or serve in the office if elected. Candidates  
19 shall file no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the ~~first Monday~~ second  
20 Wednesday in ~~December~~ April through no later than 5:00 p.m. on the  
21 ~~following Wednesday~~ next succeeding Friday. For school districts  
22 and technology center school districts located in more than one  
23 county, filing may be either in the county wherein supervision of  
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1 the district is located or in the county where the candidate  
2 resides.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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