

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 694

By: Alvord of the Senate

3 and

4 Cantrell of the House

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6 An Act relating to annexation and detachment;
7 amending 11 O.S. 2021, Section 21-110, which relates
8 to detachment of municipal territory; providing
9 certain exceptions; allowing for certain written
10 consent; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 21-110, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 21-110. A. Territory may be detached from the
15 corporate limits of a municipality by the governing body when:

- 16 1. An ordinance of the governing body so directs; or
17 2. A petition requesting detachment, signed by at least three-
18 fourths (3/4) of the registered voters and by the owners of at least
19 three-fourths (3/4), in value, of the property to be detached, is
20 filed with the governing body.

21 Only land which is within the limits of the municipality and
22 upon its border and not laid out in lots and blocks, or land which
23 had been annexed to a municipality, may be detached by petition.
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1 B. Petitioners for detachment of municipal territory shall
2 comply with the following procedures:

3 1. A true and complete unsigned copy of the petition requesting
4 detachment shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality before
5 it is circulated and signed by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the
6 registered voters and by the owners of at least three-fourths (3/4),
7 in value, of the property to be detached, as required by subsection
8 A of this section;

9 2. Signed copies of the petition requesting detachment shall be
10 filed with the clerk of the municipality within ninety (90) days
11 after the initial filing of the unsigned copy with the clerk; and

12 3. Notice of the filing of the signed petition requesting
13 detachment with the clerk of the municipality shall be given in the
14 same manner provided for petitions requesting annexation.

15 Failure to comply with the notice requirement or the other
16 procedures set forth in this subsection shall render the petition
17 for detachment insufficient and no action thereon shall be required
18 by the clerk or governing body of the municipality.

19 C. When signed copies of the petition requesting detachment are
20 timely filed with the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall
21 determine the sufficiency of the signatures appearing on the
22 petition. The clerk shall then publish, in at least one newspaper
23 of general circulation in the municipality, a notice of the filing
24 and the apparent sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition.

1 Within ten (10) days following the publication, the governing body
2 of the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the petition
3 requesting detachment and take such action thereon as the governing
4 body deems appropriate, which may include approval, denial, or
5 deferral.

6 D. Appeal to the district court concerning any action by the
7 clerk or governing body of the municipality on a petition requesting
8 detachment shall be in the same manner provided for petitions
9 requesting annexation.

10 E. Territory to be detached under subsection A of this section
11 shall not be detached if:

12 1. The territory includes an intervening strip less than four
13 (4) rods wide;

14 2. The territory is separated from the corporate limits of a
15 municipality only by a railway right-of-way;

16 3. The territory is a highway right-of-way adjacent to or
17 contiguous with a municipality; or

18 4. The territory includes properties that will be split in two,
19 resulting in part of the property falling inside the corporate
20 limits of a municipality and part of it falling outside the
21 corporate limits of the municipality.

22 F. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection E of this
23 section, the state, county, or any other political subdivision or
24 governmental entity which will assume responsibility over the

1 proposed detached territory may give written consent to the
2 detachment.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

4 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
9 2025.

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