

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 694

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Cantrell of the House

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

SUBJECT: Annexation and detachment

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

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

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

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

Only land which is within the limits of the municipality and upon its border and not laid out in lots and blocks, or land which had been annexed to a municipality, may be detached by petition.

B. Petitioners for detachment of municipal territory shall comply with the following procedures:

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

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

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

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

C. When signed copies of the petition requesting detachment are timely filed with the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall determine the sufficiency of the signatures appearing on the petition. The clerk shall then publish, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, a notice of the filing and the apparent sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition. Within ten (10) days following the publication, the governing body of the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the petition requesting detachment and take such action thereon as the governing body deems appropriate, which may include approval, denial, or deferral.

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

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

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

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

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

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

F. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection E of this section, the state, county, or any other political subdivision or governmental entity which will assume responsibility over the proposed detached territory may give written consent to the detachment.

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

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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