

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 266

By: Rader of the Senate

3 and

4 Boatman of the House

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6 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,  
7 Sections 2-123 and 3-119, which relate to precinct  
8 officials and subprecincts; authorizing assignment of  
9 precinct officials to multiple precincts; increasing  
10 number of affected registered voters to establish a  
11 subprecinct; establishing requirements for assignment  
12 of precinct officials to multiple adjacent precincts;  
13 updating statutory language; and providing an  
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 2-123, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-123. A. Each precinct within each county shall have  
19 at least three (3) precinct officials: an inspector, a judge and a  
20 clerk. Provided, the same precinct officials may be assigned to  
21 serve more than one precinct as described in Section 3-119 of this  
22 title.

23 B. One of the ~~aforementioned~~ precinct officials shall be a  
24 registered voter from the political party with the largest number of  
registered voters in the state and shall be appointed from the list

1 submitted by that political party as provided in Section 2-124 of  
2 this title.

3 C. One of the ~~aforementioned~~ precinct officials shall be a  
4 registered voter from the political party with the second largest  
5 number of registered voters in the state~~r~~ and shall be appointed  
6 from the list submitted by that political party as provided in  
7 Section 2-124 of this title.

8 D. The third precinct official~~r~~ and any additional precinct  
9 officials that are appointed pursuant to law~~r~~ may be a member of any  
10 political party recognized under the laws of this state, or may be a  
11 registered voter with no declared party affiliation, and shall be  
12 appointed from the ranks of registered voters within the county.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-119, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 3-119. A. If fewer than ~~five hundred (500)~~ seven  
16 hundred fifty (750) registered voters are affected, an area  
17 constituting the maximum area possible without crossing boundaries  
18 of any district court judicial district electoral division or any  
19 congressional, legislative or county commissioner district may be  
20 designated as a subprecinct.

21 ~~B.~~ 1. Registration records shall be maintained for  
22 subprecincts in like manner as for other precincts.

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1       2. Subprecincts need not have a polling place separate from  
2 another precinct, nor shall they be required to have separate  
3 precinct officials.

4       3. The secretary of the county election board may authorize  
5 registered voters of a subprecinct to vote at a specific adjacent  
6 precinct. ~~Provided, separate~~ Separate election materials shall be  
7 ~~there afforded~~ provided for the subprecinct ~~in order~~ so that a  
8 separate certification will be made of the ~~subprecinct's~~ election  
9 results of the subprecinct. Appropriate ballots shall be issued to  
10 the voters of the subprecinct.

11       B. With the written permission of the Secretary of the State  
12 Election Board, a secretary of a county election board may assign  
13 the same precinct officials to two or more adjacent precincts  
14 subject to the following:

15       1. The precincts must share the same election day polling place  
16 in a manner consistent with state law;

17       2. The combined number of registered voters in the precincts  
18 based on the most recent monthly voter registration statistics shall  
19 not exceed seven thousand five hundred (7,500);

20       3. The secretary of the county election board shall submit the  
21 request in writing stating the reason or reasons for the request and  
22 demonstrating that the proposed number of precinct officials to be  
23 assigned is sufficient to adequately serve the number of voters who  
24 are registered in the precincts; and

1        4. Separate election materials shall be provided for each  
2 precinct so that a separate certification shall be made of the  
3 election results of each precinct. Appropriate ballots shall be  
4 issued to the voters of each precinct.

5            SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

6            Passed the Senate the 13th day of February, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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10           Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

11 2023.

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