

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2201

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 3-101, which relates to election dates;
9 modifying dates for certain elections; providing
10 exception; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-101 is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 A. No election required to be conducted by any county election
15 board shall be scheduled for a day other than Tuesday.

16 B. Except as otherwise provided by law, no regular or special
17 election ~~to fill an elective office~~ for any purpose shall be held by
18 any county, school district, technology center school district,
19 municipality, fire protection district or other political
20 subdivision authorized to call elections except as follows:

- 21 1. The second Tuesday of February in any year;
22 2. The first Tuesday of April in any year;
23 3. The date of any regularly scheduled statewide state or
24 federal election in an even-numbered year;

- 1 4. The second Tuesday of September in an odd-numbered year;
- 2 5. The second Tuesday of November in an odd-numbered year; and
- 3 6. The second Tuesday of June of an odd-numbered year for a
- 4 special election to fill a vacancy.

5 C. ~~Except as otherwise provided by law or by Section 1 of this~~
6 ~~act, no election for any purpose other than to fill an elective~~
7 ~~office shall be held by any county, school district, technology~~
8 ~~center school district, municipality, fire protection district or~~
9 ~~other political subdivision authorized to call elections except on:~~
10 The provisions of subsection B of this section shall also apply to a
11 special election called by the Governor pursuant to law; provided,
12 the Governor shall only set the date for a special election on:

- 13 1. The second Tuesday of January, February, May, June, July,
- 14 August, September, October and November and the first Tuesday in
- 15 March and April in odd-numbered years; ~~provided, a municipality with~~
16 ~~a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)~~
17 ~~persons, according to the most recent federal decennial census, may~~
18 ~~also hold an election on the second Tuesday of December in odd-~~
19 ~~numbered years; and~~

- 20 2. The second Tuesday of January and February, the first
- 21 Tuesday in March and April, the last Tuesday in June, the fourth
- 22 Tuesday in August, and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
- 23 November of any even-numbered year.

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1 D. In the event that a regular or special election date occurs
2 on an official state holiday, the election shall be scheduled for
3 the next following Tuesday. In the event that any day of a
4 candidate filing period occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or any official
5 state holiday, that day of the filing period shall be scheduled for
6 the next business day.

7 E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any provision
8 of a municipal charter, any municipality, school district,
9 technology center district, county, rural fire protection district,
10 or any other entity seeking to hold a regular or special election to
11 be conducted by a county election board on the same date as a
12 regular or special federal or state election, shall file the
13 resolution calling for the election with the county election board
14 secretary no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the election
15 date. A candidate filing period of three (3) days, if so required
16 by the resolution, shall begin no later than ten (10) days following
17 the deadline to file the resolution with the secretary of the county
18 election board; provided, the filing period for such municipal
19 office may be scheduled on the same dates as the filing period for
20 state or federal office to be filled at such election.

21 F. Any school district, technology center district,
22 municipality, including any municipality governed by charter, rural
23 fire protection district or any other entity seeking to hold a
24 special election for the purpose of filling a vacancy shall schedule

1 a candidate filing period of three (3) days to begin not more than
2 twenty (20) days following the date the resolution calling the
3 election is required to be filed with the secretary of the county
4 election board.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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