

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 197

By: Prieto

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to initiative and referendum; amending 34 O.S. 2021, Section 25, which relates to time for submission of measures; granting certain discretionary power to Legislature; modifying authority to call certain elections; specifying dates for special election under certain circumstances; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 34 O.S. 2021, Section 25, is amended to read as follows:

Section 25. Whenever any measure shall be initiated by the people in the manner provided by law, or whenever the referendum shall be demanded against any measure passed by the Legislature, same shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular election; provided, the Legislature or the Governor shall have discretionary power, ~~in his discretion,~~ to call a special election to vote upon such questions, or to designate the ~~mandatory primary election~~ second Tuesday of November in an odd-numbered year, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday of

1 November in an even-numbered year, as a special election for such
2 purpose. If the Legislature and the Governor set conflicting dates,
3 the special election shall be held on the second Tuesday of November
4 in an odd-numbered year, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday
5 of November in an even-numbered year.

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

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