

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2738

By: Duel and Crosswhite Hader  
of the House

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4 Daniels of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 7-136, which relates to canvassing of  
9 returns; providing for continuous tabulation; and  
10 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 7-136, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 7-136. A. The county election board shall convene at  
15 the county courthouse, or at such other place as the county election  
16 board may designate on the day of each election, for the purpose of  
17 receiving the official precinct returns and shall remain in session  
18 until such precinct returns are all delivered. The board shall  
19 cause to be continuously accumulated and listed the results of such  
20 election, as the official precinct returns are received, in a manner  
21 and upon forms prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election  
22 Board.

23 B. The county election board shall use such precinct returns to  
24 certify the results of such election for county officers and

1 questions and shall transmit electronically or in writing as  
2 prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board after 5 p.m.  
3 on Friday following the election to the State Election Board the  
4 completed county returns for all state officers and questions. Such  
5 county returns shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of  
6 the result in the several counties.

7 C. The State Election Board shall use such county returns to  
8 certify the results of such election for all state officers and  
9 questions after 5 p.m. on Tuesday next succeeding the election.

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

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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