

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1358

By: Paxton of the Senate

and

Martinez of the House

An Act relating to election administration; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-118, which relates to changes in precincts; modifying term; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Redistricting

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-118, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-118. The secretary of the county election board in each county may change the boundaries of, abolish or consolidate any precinct, subject to the limitations provided by law, by observing the following procedure:

1. No precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or consolidated, or any boundary otherwise changed between January 1 of any year which last digit is nine and December 31 of any year which last digit is zero; and

2. The secretary of a county election board shall only change a precinct by dividing or consolidating a precinct into two or more precincts in a manner which will conform to designated census geography except when it becomes necessary for reasons of a lack of an adequate available polling place, or when road conditions hinder

or impede a voter's ability to vote, or to accomplish ~~reapportionment~~ redistricting, or for any other lawful purpose. Such changes shall conform to the requirements contained in Sections 3-115 and 3-116 of this title.

3. Changes may not become effective until notices of such changes have been posted and mailed as provided in this paragraph for thirty (30) days. One notice shall be posted at the door of the polling place for the affected precinct, one notice posted at the door of the county courthouse and one notice shall be mailed to the State Election Board.

4. The registration of each registered voter affected by such change shall be transferred as provided by law by the secretary of the county election board without any request from the voter.

5. Each registered voter whose registration is transferred as hereinbefore provided shall be notified of such transfer in writing by the secretary of the county election board. At the same time, the voter shall be issued a new voter identification card and shall be instructed to destroy his or her former voter identification card.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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