

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1607

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

3 and

4 Lepak of the House

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6 An Act relating to county elective offices; amending
7 26 O.S. 2021, Section 12-111, which relates to
8 vacancies in county elective offices; prohibiting
9 special election for certain vacancies; updating
10 statutory reference; 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 12-111, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 12-111. A. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the
15 office of a county commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled at a
16 special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30)
17 days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall
18 be called if the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year if the term
19 of the office expires the following year, or if the vacancy occurs
20 within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the
21 regular candidate filing period for the office. In such case, the
22 candidate elected to the office at the Primary Election, runoff
23 Primary Election, or the regular General Election shall be appointed
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1 by the Governor as soon as practical after the applicable election
2 to fill the unexpired term.

3 B. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any elective county office
4 of any county in this state having a population of more than the
5 population figure specified in subsection ~~B~~ E of Section 10 of Title
6 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the vacancy shall be filled at a
7 special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30)
8 days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall
9 be called if the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year if the term
10 of the office expires the following year, or if the vacancy occurs
11 within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the
12 regular candidate filing period for the office. In such case, the
13 candidate elected to the office at the Primary Election, runoff
14 Primary Election, or the regular General Election shall be appointed
15 by the Governor as soon as practical after the applicable election
16 to fill the unexpired term.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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1 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2024.

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