

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 88

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to cities and towns, amending 11 O.S.
8 2011, Section 18-101, which relates to the Oklahoma
9 Municipal Code; establishing that no city official or
10 employee shall deem invalid certain initiative
11 petition that satisfies statutory requirements;
12 requiring public statement under certain
13 circumstances; updating statutory language; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 18-101, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 18-101. Any city operating pursuant to a statutory form
19 of city government may change to any one of the other statutory
20 forms of city government. The mayor shall issue an order calling
21 for an election on the question of whether or not the city shall
22 change its form of government if:

23 1. ~~an~~ An initiative petition is filed with the governing body
24 of the municipality; ~~or~~

25 2. ~~the~~ The governing body, by resolution, so directs.

1 The initiative petition or resolution of the governing body shall be
2 filed at least one hundred twenty (120) days before the filing date
3 for the next municipal general election and shall include the form
4 of government which is proposed for adoption. The order calling for
5 the election shall be issued by the governing body of the
6 municipality within ten (10) days after a decision has been made on
7 the ballot title, or within ten (10) days after the effective date
8 of the resolution of the governing body;

9 3. Provided that the requirements enumerated in this section
10 are satisfied, no city government official or employee shall deem
11 such a petition invalid; and

12 4. If, for any reason, such a petition is denied by the city,
13 the city official or government employee responsible for the
14 decision shall issue a public statement stating the reason for their
15 decision.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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