

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 950

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the state senate districts;
8 creating the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021;
9 providing for senate seat terms; providing provision
10 for delineation of State Senate Districts based on
11 certain census data; providing for operative date of
12 senate districts; requiring adjustments of certain
13 lines under certain circumstances requiring senate
14 elections be conducted in accordance with this act;
15 repealing 14 O.S. 2011, Sections 80.35, 80.35.1,
16 80.35.2 and 80.35.4; which relate to the State Senate
17 Redistricting Act of 2011; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.35.5 of Title 14, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State Senate
24 Redistricting Act of 2021".

25 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
26 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.35.6 of Title 14, unless
27 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 Senators elected in 2022 from even-numbered districts provided
2 hereinafter shall hold office until the fifteenth day succeeding the
3 General Election in November 2026, and thereafter shall be elected
4 for terms of four (4) years. Senators elected from odd-numbered
5 districts in November 2020, shall hold office until the fifteenth
6 day succeeding the General Election in November 2024, and thereafter
7 shall be elected for terms of four (4) years.

8 From and after the fifteenth day succeeding the General Election
9 in November 2022, the Senate districts shall bear the numerical
10 designations hereinafter described and set forth.

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.35.7 of Title 14, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 The State Senate shall be composed of forty-eight (48) members
15 elected from the districts hereinafter described. The following
16 delineation of areas to be included in each Senate district is based
17 on the official counties, voting districts (VTD's) and blocks as
18 defined in 2020 by the United States Bureau of the Census. The
19 forty-eight (48) Senate districts shall consist of the counties,
20 voting districts (VTD's) and blocks next described: POPULATION ____.

21 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.35.8 of Title 14, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. If the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021 and the State
2 House of Representatives Redistricting Act of 2021 would require any
3 county election board to create precincts pursuant to Section 3-116
4 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, where no persons reside, it
5 shall be the duty of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjust Senate or House
7 district lines to prevent the creation of precincts where no persons
8 reside. Any adjustment shall not affect the total population of any
9 Senate or House district.

10 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 80.35.9 of Title 14, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 The Senate districts described herein shall become operative on
14 the fifteenth day following the General Election in November 2022;
15 provided, however, the State Election Board shall conduct the
16 elections for the Senate in 2022 in accordance with the provisions
17 of the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021.

18 SECTION 6. REPEALER 14 O.S. 2011, Sections 80.35,
19 80.35.1, 80.35.2 and 80.35.4 are hereby repealed.

20 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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