

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
4 SENATE BILL 652

By: Paxton

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8 An Act relating to administration of elections;  
9 amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-101, as amended by  
Section 2, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp.  
10 2024, Section 3-101), which relates to scheduling of  
elections; modifying permissible dates for certain  
11 elections; authorizing special elections called for  
certain purposes to be held on certain dates;  
modifying deadline for certain filing period;  
specifying applicability of provisions; and providing  
12 an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-101, as  
17 amended by Section 2, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
18 Section 3-101), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 3-101. A. No election required to be conducted by any  
20 county election board shall be scheduled for a day other than  
21 Tuesday.

22 B. Except as otherwise provided by law, no regular or special  
23 election ~~to fill an elective office~~ for any purpose shall be held by  
any county, school district, technology center school district,

1 municipality, fire protection district, or other political  
2 subdivision authorized to call elections except as follows:

3 1. The second Tuesday of February in any year;

4 2. The first Tuesday of April in any year;

5 3. ~~The date of any regularly scheduled statewide state or~~  
6 ~~federal election in an even numbered year;~~

7 4. The ~~second~~ third Tuesday of September June in an odd-  
8 numbered any year;

9 5. 4. The ~~second~~ fourth Tuesday of November August in an odd-  
10 numbered any year; and

11 6. 5. The ~~second~~ first Tuesday after the first Monday of June  
12 ~~of an odd numbered November in any year for a special election to~~  
13 ~~fill a vacancy.~~

14 C. Except as otherwise provided by law or by Section 1 of this  
15 act, no election for any purpose other than to fill an elective  
16 office shall be held by any county, school district, technology  
17 center school district, municipality, fire protection district or  
18 other political subdivision authorized to call elections except on:

19 1. The second Tuesday of January, February, May, June, July,  
20 August, September, October and November and the first Tuesday in  
21 March and April in odd-numbered years; provided, a municipality with  
22 a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
23 persons, according to the most recent Federal Decennial Census, may

1 also hold an election on the second Tuesday of December in odd-  
2 numbered years; and

3 2. The second Tuesday of January and February, the first  
4 Tuesday in March and April, the third Tuesday in June, the fourth  
5 Tuesday in August, and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
6 November of any even numbered year.

7 D. In the event that a regular or special election date occurs  
8 on an official state holiday, the election shall be scheduled for  
9 the next following Tuesday. In the event that any day of a  
10 candidate filing period occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or any  
11 official state holiday, that day of the filing period shall be  
12 scheduled for the next business day.

13 D. For a special election called by the Governor as authorized  
14 by law, the Governor shall be limited to the dates stated in  
15 subsection B of this section. Provided, however, if a vacancy has  
16 occurred in the office of United States Representative, State  
17 Senator, or State Representative, or in the event of a declared  
18 national or state emergency that requires a special election, the  
19 Governor may also call a special election as authorized by law on  
20 the following dates:

- 21 1. The second Tuesday of January in any year;
- 22 2. The first Tuesday of March in any year;
- 23 3. The first Tuesday of May in an odd-numbered year;
- 24 4. The second Tuesday of July in an odd-numbered year;

- 1       5. The second Tuesday of September in an odd-numbered year;  
2       6. The first Tuesday of October in an odd-numbered year; and  
3       7. The first Tuesday of December in any year.

4           E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any provision  
5       of a municipal charter, any municipality, school district,  
6       technology center district, county, rural fire protection district,  
7       or any other entity seeking to hold a regular or special election to  
8       be conducted by a county election board on the same date as a  
9       regular or special federal or state election, shall file the  
10      resolution calling for the election with the county election board  
11      secretary no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the election  
12      date. A candidate filing period of three (3) days, if so required  
13      by the resolution, shall begin no later than ten (10) days following  
14      the deadline to file the resolution with the secretary of the county  
15      election board; provided, the filing period for such municipal  
16      office may be scheduled on the same dates as the filing period for  
17      state or federal office to be filled at such election.

18           F. Any school district, technology center district,  
19       municipality, including any municipality governed by charter, rural  
20       fire protection district, or any other entity seeking to hold a  
21       special election for the purpose of filling a vacancy shall schedule  
22       a candidate filing period of three (3) days to begin not more than  
23       twenty (20) ten (10) days following the date the resolution calling  
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1 the election is required to be filed with the secretary of the  
2 county election board.

3 G. The provisions of this section shall apply to elections held  
4 after January 1, 2026.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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