

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 694

6 By: Alvord of the Senate

7 and

8 Cantrell of the House

9 An Act relating to annexation and detachment;
10 amending 11 O.S. 2021, Section 21-110, which relates
11 to detachment of municipal territory; providing
12 certain exceptions; allowing for certain written
13 consent; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 21-110, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 21-110. A. Territory may be detached from the
18 corporate limits of a municipality by the governing body when:

- 19 1. An ordinance of the governing body so directs; or
- 20 2. A petition requesting detachment, signed by at least three-
21 fourths (3/4) of the registered voters and by the owners of at least
22 three-fourths (3/4), in value, of the property to be detached, is
23 filed with the governing body.

1 Only land which is within the limits of the municipality and
2 upon its border and not laid out in lots and blocks, or land which
3 had been annexed to a municipality, may be detached by petition.

4 B. Petitioners for detachment of municipal territory shall
5 comply with the following procedures:

6 1. A true and complete unsigned copy of the petition requesting
7 detachment shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality before
8 it is circulated and signed by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the
9 registered voters and by the owners of at least three-fourths (3/4),
10 in value, of the property to be detached, as required by subsection
11 A of this section;

12 2. Signed copies of the petition requesting detachment shall be
13 filed with the clerk of the municipality within ninety (90) days
14 after the initial filing of the unsigned copy with the clerk; and

15 3. Notice of the filing of the signed petition requesting
16 detachment with the clerk of the municipality shall be given in the
17 same manner provided for petitions requesting annexation.

18 Failure to comply with the notice requirement or the other
19 procedures set forth in this subsection shall render the petition
20 for detachment insufficient and no action thereon shall be required
21 by the clerk or governing body of the municipality.

22 C. When signed copies of the petition requesting detachment are
23 timely filed with the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall
24 determine the sufficiency of the signatures appearing on the

1 petition. The clerk shall then publish, in at least one newspaper
2 of general circulation in the municipality, a notice of the filing
3 and the apparent sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition.
4 Within ten (10) days following the publication, the governing body
5 of the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the petition
6 requesting detachment and take such action thereon as the governing
7 body deems appropriate, which may include approval, denial, or
8 deferral.

9 D. Appeal to the district court concerning any action by the
10 clerk or governing body of the municipality on a petition requesting
11 detachment shall be in the same manner provided for petitions
12 requesting annexation.

13 E. Territory to be detached under subsection A of this section
14 shall not be detached if:

15 1. The territory includes an intervening strip less than four
16 (4) rods wide;

17 2. The territory is separated from the corporate limits of a
18 municipality only by a railway right-of-way;

19 3. The territory is a highway right-of-way adjacent to or
20 contiguous with a municipality; or

21 4. The territory includes properties that will be split in two,
22 resulting in part of the property falling inside the corporate
23 limits of a municipality and part of it falling outside the
24 corporate limits of the municipality.

1 F. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection E of this
2 section, the state, county, or any other political subdivision or
3 governmental entity which will assume responsibility over the
4 proposed detached territory may give written consent to the
5 detachment.

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

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated
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