

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 25, 2025

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 SENATE BILL NO. 147

6 By: Pederson of the Senate

7 and

8 Newton of the House

9 An Act relating to administration of elections;
10 amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-130, which relates
11 to post-election audits; clarifying language;
12 requiring Secretary of the State Election Board to
13 direct all counties to conduct post-election audits
14 for specified elections; modifying definition;
15 updating statutory language; and providing an
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-130, is

19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 3-130. A. The Secretary of the State Election Board
21 shall have the authority to direct the secretary of a county
22 election board to conduct a post-election audit of election results
23 for any election, for the purpose of maintaining the security of the
24 election system by ensuring that voting devices and software used in
 a particular election correctly tabulated votes. The Secretary
 shall direct the secretary of the county election board in each

1 county to conduct a post-election audit following elections held on
2 dates set forth in Sections 1-101, 1-102, 1-103, and 20-101 of this
3 title.

4 B. The method, timing, and procedures for conducting a post-
5 election audit shall be determined by the Secretary of the State
6 Election Board.

7 C. The secretary of a county election board shall report the
8 findings of a post-election audit to the Secretary of the State
9 Election Board, and such report shall be available to the public.

10 D. The Secretary of the State Election Board may promulgate
11 policies, rules, and procedures to implement the requirements of
12 this section.

13 E. For the purposes of this title, a "post-election audit" is
14 defined as means a manual or electronic examination of a limited
15 number of ballots by a secretary of a county election board or other
16 authorized election officials following an election. A post-
17 election audit shall be conducted only at the direction of the
18 Secretary of the State Election Board and only subject to the
19 Secretary's previously promulgated prescribed policies, rules, or
20 procedures.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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