

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE BILL 1544

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to election of county officials;
8 requiring election for county offices to be
9 nonpartisan; prohibiting declaration of party
10 affiliation on Declaration of Candidacy for county
11 office; clarifying eligibility for placement on
12 certain primary and general election ballots;
13 providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-103.1 of Title 26, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Beginning with the 2025 election cycle, elections for any
20 county office shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis. Candidates
21 for a county office shall file a Declaration of Candidacy with the
22 secretary of the county election board as provided in Section 5-103
23 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes but shall not declare a party
24 affiliation.

25 B. If more than two candidates qualify to have their names
26 appear on the ballot for a county office, the names of all such

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candidates shall appear on the Primary Election ballot. If no single candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast at the Primary Election, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the Primary Election shall appear on the General Election ballot.

C. If only two candidates qualify to have their names appear on the ballot for a county office, the names of both candidates shall appear on the General Election ballot.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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