

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE BILL 1581

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to municipal charters; requiring  
8 municipal charters to include provisions to recall  
9 certain elected officials; establishing certain  
10 requirements for petition certification; requiring  
11 certain filings; prohibiting a municipality from  
12 imposing certain conditions on circulation of  
13 petition; providing for codification; 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 13-117 of Title 11, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Each municipal charter shall include a provision for a  
20 petition to recall any elected official of such municipal  
21 corporation, and upon a recall petition being certified, to set a  
22 recall election to be held at the next available election date from  
23 the date the recall petition is certified.

24 1. To be deemed certified, a recall petition regarding an  
official representing the entire municipality shall be signed by a  
number of qualified electors residing within the territorial limits

1 of such municipal corporation, equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of  
2 the total number of votes cast at the next preceding election.

3 2. To be deemed certified, a recall petition regarding an  
4 official representing part of the municipality shall be signed by a  
5 number of qualified electors residing within the territorial limits  
6 of such part of the municipal corporation, equal to twenty-five  
7 percent (25%) of the total number of votes cast at the next  
8 preceding election.

9 B. Every recall petition shall be filed with the chief  
10 executive officer of such municipal corporation prior to gathering  
11 signatures by at least three petitioners entitled to sign such  
12 petition. Once the petitioner submits the petition signatures, the  
13 chief executive officer of the municipal corporation shall determine  
14 within ten (10) days whether or not such recall petition has  
15 sufficient signatures to be deemed certified and shall immediately  
16 certify such petition and immediately inform the petitioners if the  
17 petition qualifies to be certified.

18 C. No municipality may impose conditions on the circulation of  
19 the petition including, but not limited to, residency of the  
20 circulators.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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