

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 728

By: Paxton

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to county districts; amending 19 O.S.
9 2011, Section 321, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
10 190, O.S.L. 2012 (19 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 321),
11 which relates to county commissioner districts;
12 modifying date of reapportionment completion; and
13 providing an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 321, as
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 2012 (19 O.S. Supp. 2020,
17 Section 321), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 321. A. Each county shall be divided by the board of
19 county commissioners into three (3) compact districts, as equal in
20 population as practicable and numbered respectively one, two, and
21 three. One commissioner shall be elected from each of ~~said~~ the
22 districts by the voters of the district, as provided for by law.

23 B. 1. Each county shall be reapportioned by the board of
24 county commissioners on or before ~~October 1~~ November 30 following
the final official publication of the Federal Decennial Census to

1 the State of Oklahoma for the purposes of legislative redistricting.
2 The reapportionment shall be recorded in a resolution adopted by the
3 commissioners. The resolution shall include an effective date for
4 the reapportioned county commissioner districts. The effective date
5 shall be January 1 of the following year.

6 2. Beginning with the reapportionment following the 1990
7 Federal Decennial Census, all boundaries of county commissioner
8 districts shall follow clearly visible, definable and observable
9 physical boundaries which are based upon criteria established and
10 recognized by the Bureau of the Census of the United States
11 Department of Commerce for purposes of defining census blocks for
12 its decennial census.

13 3. If the commissioners fail to reapportion the county as
14 required by this subsection, the commissioners shall be subject to
15 the provisions of Sections 91 through 105 of Title 51 of the
16 Oklahoma Statutes and it shall be the duty of the county excise
17 board to perform the reapportionment.

18 C. There is hereby established a depository for county
19 commissioner district boundary maps and reapportionment resolutions
20 within the Office of Geographic Information within the Oklahoma
21 Conservation Commission.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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