

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 4X

By: Treat and Paxton of the
Senate

and

McCall and Martinez of the
House

An Act relating to elections; amending 14 O.S. 2021, Section 80.35.17, which relates to operative date for state Senate districts; modifying application of State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021 to certain elections; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 321, which relates to county commissioners' districts; modifying application of reapportioned county commissioners' districts to certain elections; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Elections

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 14 O.S. 2021, Section 80.35.17, is amended to read as follows:

Section 80.35.17. The Senate districts described herein shall become operative on the fifteenth day following the General Election in November 2022; provided, however, the State Election Board and appropriate county election boards shall conduct the regular or special elections for the Senate ~~is~~ held after April 5, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 321, is amended to read as follows:

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

B. 1. Each county shall be reapportioned by the board of county commissioners on or before October 1 following the final official publication of the Federal Decennial Census to this state for the purposes of legislative redistricting. Provided, for purposes of the 2021 reapportionment of counties, each county shall be reapportioned by the board of county commissioners on or before November 30, 2021, following the final official publication of the Federal Decennial Census to this state for the purposes of legislative redistricting. The reapportionment shall be recorded in a resolution adopted by the commissioners. The resolution shall include an effective date for the reapportioned county commissioner districts. The effective date shall be January 1 of the following year; provided, however, county election boards shall conduct regular or special elections for county commissioner held after April 5, 2022, in accordance with the reapportioned districts.

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

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

C. There is hereby established a depository for county commissioner district boundary maps and reapportionment resolutions

within the Office of Geographic Information within the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 17th day of November, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of November, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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