

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1968
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	
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Impact:	ODOL: minimal costs

Research Analysis

HB 1968 changes the method by which a public employer recognizes a bargaining unit elected by municipal firefighters or police officers. The role of the Public Employee Relations Board is eliminated. The public employer would recognize a bargaining agent elected by a majority of firefighters or of police officers until a majority withdraws that recognition. Likewise, a labor organization which receives a majority of votes cast in an election is to be certified by the Oklahoma Department of Labor as the exclusive employee representative. An election may be called by written request of the municipality or a majority of the firefighters or police officers, and will be conducted at the municipality, fire department or police department, but not at the Oklahoma Department of Labor. The measure also allows either arbitration or a ruling by the Labor Commissioner to settle a proper and timely legal challenge or objection regarding an election request.

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Fiscal Analysis

Officials for the Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL) have determined that they anticipate a minimal fiscal impact as a result of the measure. ODOL anticipates an ability to fulfill the requirements of HB 1968 with its existing staff.

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Other Considerations

None.