

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB1637
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Impact:	See analysis below

Research Analysis

Engrossed SB1647 requires the secretary of the county election board to notify the Attorney General if more than ten absentee ballots for an election are requested to be mailed to a single address. The Attorney General or a designee may investigate a possible investigation of the law. If the Attorney General decides declines to investigate, they will submit the notification to the county district attorney, who will then investigate, or designate a member of law enforcement to investigate. Upon receiving a complaint for suspected voter fraud, the State Election Board will send a letter to the person making the complaint with contact information for and the option to contact the Attorney General. If the Secretary of the State Election Board or any county election board has documents that appear to be evidence of voter registration or voting crimes, they shall notify the Attorney General who will decide to investigate or submit the evidence to the county district attorney within 30 days of receipt if they decide not to investigate. Lastly, the measure adds to the list of Attorney General duties the responsibility to investigate and prosecute any criminal action relating to a violation of election provisions in Oklahoma Statute (Title 26), if the Attorney General determines criminal prosecution is warranted.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, SB 1637 is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the State Election Board. However, pursuant to the measure, the Attorney General may investigate possible violations, which could result in a fiscal impact to the agency. In the event the Attorney General investigates possible violations, the impact would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.