

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB1637
Version:	FA1
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Impact:	No fiscal impact anticipated

Research Analysis

The FA1 to SB1637 requires the secretary of the county election board notify district attorney and the Attorney General if more than ten absentee ballots for an election are requested to be mailed to a single address. The district attorney or a designee may investigate a possible investigation of the law. If the district attorney declines to investigate, they will submit notification from the county election board to the Attorney General or a designee within 30 days, who then may investigate any possible criminal violation of the law. 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 district attorney or 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 district attorney for the county or counties involved. If the district attorney declines to investigate, the district attorney will submit the notification and documentation within 30 days of receipt to the Attorney General. 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 or the Office of the Attorney General. The Attorney General has the discretion to refer investigations to members of law enforcement. This discretion would allow the Attorney General to implement the provisions of the measure without a need for additional budgetary resources

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Other Considerations

None.