

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1637
Version:	FA2
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Impact:	No fiscal impact anticipated

Research Analysis

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. 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. 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.

FA2 to SB1637 requires the district attorney or a designee to investigate a possible criminal violation of the law related to absentee ballot requests. The district attorney will advise the Attorney General not later than 30 days from the receipt of the notification of the result of the investigation and whether they have or will file charges. The Attorney General or a designee may then also investigate. 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 and the attorney general. The district attorney will report the investigation status in writing to the Attorney General and the Secretary of the State or county election board. If the district attorney does not file charges, the Attorney General or a designee may investigate any possible criminal violation.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, SB 1637 is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on the State Election Board or the Office of the Attorney General.

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Other Considerations

None.