

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE BILL 1457

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to election audits; creating the
8 Post-Election Forensic Audit Act of 2022; providing
9 short title; requiring appointment of independent
10 third party to conduct forensic audit of the November
11 2020 election in designated counties; establishing
12 deadlines for certain appointment and completion of
13 audits; requiring submission of certain report;
14 designating potential funding sources for conducting
15 audit; providing for codification; and declaring an
16 emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-130.1 of Title 26, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Post-
22 Election Forensic Audit Act of 2022".

23 B. The Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
24 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint an
independent third party to conduct a forensic audit of the general
election that took place on November 3, 2020. Such independent

1 third party shall be appointed no later than thirty (30) days after
2 the effective date of this act.

3 C. The independent third party appointed under subsection B of
4 this section shall complete an audit for every precinct in:

5 1. The three most populous counties as determined by the 2020
6 federal decennial census;

7 2. The three least populous counties as determined by the 2020
8 federal decennial census; and

9 3. Three counties randomly selected by the independent third
10 party.

11 D. Audits required by this section shall be completed no later
12 than ninety (90) days after the date of the appointment of the
13 independent third party. Upon completion, the independent third
14 party shall submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro
15 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives that identifies and details any anomaly or
17 discrepancy in voter data, ballot data, or tabulation.

18 E. Funding required to complete the requirements of this
19 section shall be appropriated by the Legislature from funds
20 available from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
21 Act (CARES) or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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