

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2738

6 By: Duel

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8 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,  
9 Section 7-136, which relates to canvassing of  
10 returns; providing for continuous tabulation; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-136, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 7-136. A. The county election board shall convene at  
17 the county courthouse, or at such other place as the county election  
18 board may designate on the day of each election, for the purpose of  
19 receiving the official precinct returns and shall remain in session  
20 until such precinct returns are all delivered. The board shall  
21 cause to be continuously accumulated and listed the results of such  
22 election, as the official precinct returns are received, in a manner  
23 and upon forms prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election  
24 Board.

1        B. The county election board shall use such precinct returns to  
2 certify the results of such election for county officers and  
3 questions and shall transmit electronically or in writing as  
4 prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board after 5 p.m.  
5 on Friday following the election to the State Election Board the  
6 completed county returns for all state officers and questions. Such  
7 county returns shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of  
8 the result in the several counties.

9        C. The State Election Board shall use such county returns to  
10 certify the results of such election for all state officers and  
11 questions after 5 p.m. on Tuesday next succeeding the election.

12        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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