

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3563
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Impact:	\$230,000 per Statewide Election

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 3563 modifies dates and term lengths for school board elections. General elections will be held on the first Tuesday in November of each even-numbered year and every two years after. Primary elections will be held on the third Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year and every two years after.

The measure increases the term length of a member of an elementary district board from three years to four years. The term length of a member of a five-member independent district board is reduced from five years to four years.

Additionally, the measure requires the terms for members of five-member and three-member boards to be staggered.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 3563 alters school board elections from occurring annually to occurring biennially of even-numbered years. Per the State Election Board (SEB), there would be an increase in costs to administer statewide elections of approximately Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand dollars (\$230,000.00). This cost increase is a result of the large number of "split" precincts that would contain 2 or more options for school board ballots, as these precincts would run a higher risk of errors in ballot issuance to voters and an increase in total time needed to vote.

In order to reduce the risk of errors and long lines on Election Day, the SEB would recommend at least one additional precinct official in each split precinct (there are currently 1,152 split precincts in Oklahoma). Additional training would be required for poll workers, at a yet-to-be determined cost.

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Other Considerations

None.

