

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB3563</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>8633</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Banning</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$230,000 per Statewide Election</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3563, as introduced, 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. Primary elections will be held on the third Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year. Candidates have from 8:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday in April to 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Friday to file their intent to run.

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

Additionally, the measure eliminates processes for the commencement of certain offices and elections in districts with more than 10,000 students.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

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.

