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Bill Analysis

SB 995 requires each county to conduct a post-election audit of election results following each primary, general, runoff, recall, or congressional vacancy election in accordance with the provisions of this measure. The measure further requires a comprehensive procedural audit to be conducted by the State Election Board in randomly selected jurisdictions. The Legislature may also require a comprehensive procedural audit of election results in any jurisdiction President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House. The audit shall be conducted using the standards promulgated by the State Election Board. The measure clarifies that no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be eligible to vote in any election held in the state.

The measure provides for inactive voters to be removed on December 1 of each year instead of the day after the date of the second successive general election for federal office. The measure requires the Secretary of the State Election Board to remove inactive voters from the registration list every year instead of every odd-numbered year. Every December 31 of each year, the Secretary shall provide a report to the President Pro Tempore and Speaker detailing the number of voters removed from the voter registration database.

The Attorney General is required to conduct an audit of the database by randomly selecting 2% of registered voters to verify eligibility. The audit report shall identify areas of concern or training needed in response to the audit findings. The Attorney General shall share the audit results with the State Election Board and verify that the county election boards address the concerns and fulfill the training identified during the audit. Additionally, the measure requires the Attorney General to submit a report detailing the findings to the President Pro Tempore and Speaker on December 31 each year.

The measure provides that candidate and political party election observers shall have the right to observe all stages of the election process such as testing, maintenance, and certification of election technologies as well as observing the vote count. Precinct officials are required to designate observation areas for such observers in accordance with the requirements outlined in the measure. Observers shall be prohibited from wearing any campaign material advocating for or against a candidate or ballot question.

The measure repeals current laws authorizing the State Secretary to conduct post-election audits as well as how such audits shall be conducted.

Repealer: [26 O.S. 2021, Section 3-130](#)

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