

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 525

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 2-121, which relates to offices of county  
9 election boards; requiring county election board to  
provide certain training; and providing an effective  
date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 2-121, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 2-121. A. It shall be the mandatory duty of the county  
16 commissioners of each county to furnish, at county expense, in each  
17 county seat a suitable office for the county election board. The  
18 office shall provide adequate space for storage of election records  
19 and supplies, voting devices, ballot boxes, and adequate space for  
20 the exercise of other functions required by law of the county  
21 election board and shall be equipped with suitable furniture, and  
22 office equipment, and a telephone. The office shall be convenient  
23 to the public, shall have furniture, furnishings and fixtures, and  
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1 other equipment comparable to other county offices within the  
2 county, and necessary to the operation of the office.

3 B. 1. The county commissioners of each county shall, at county  
4 expense, implement security measures at the county election board  
5 that are equivalent to security measures the county provides to its  
6 other county agencies, in order to ensure the county election board  
7 office is adequately protected from physical intrusions or attacks  
8 and to provide cybersecurity for county-owned computer systems  
9 operated by the county election board.

10 2. County officials shall immediately notify the Secretary of  
11 the State Election Board upon learning of an attempted or successful  
12 physical or cyber attack or intrusion committed against the county  
13 election board.

14 C. To ensure the security of election records, equipment,  
15 computers, software, ballots, supplies, and other materials  
16 necessary to conduct elections:

17 1. The county election board shall not share storage space  
18 where ballots, voter registration records, or election equipment are  
19 stored with any other county agency unless authorized by the  
20 Secretary of the State Election Board; ~~and~~

21 2. No county personnel other than those employed by the county  
22 election board shall be assigned workspace within the physical  
23 offices that are assigned to the county election board; and

1        3. The county election board shall provide sufficient training,  
2 approved by the Secretary of the State Election Board, to the county  
3 sheriff and law enforcement officers of the county in order to  
4 secure the election process pursuant to state law as well as secure  
5 ballots pursuant to subsection C of Section 14-115.4 of this title.

6        Provided, nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the county  
7 election board office from being located within the county  
8 courthouse or another county-owned building shared by multiple  
9 county agencies, nor shall it restrict the county election board  
10 from utilizing common areas intended for use by multiple county  
11 agencies other than as specifically prohibited in this subsection.

12        D. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall have the  
13 authority to enforce the requirements of, and may promulgate  
14 administrative rules to implement the provisions of, this section.

15        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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