

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1678 establishes procedures for addressing tie votes in Runoff Primary, General, and Primary Elections in Oklahoma.

If a tie vote occurs in the nomination or election of any candidate in a Runoff Primary, General Election, or Primary Election, a second vote to be held on the next practicable election date according to statute must be scheduled to resolve the tie. If a second vote is scheduled for a Primary or Runoff Primary election, the General Election for that office is to be moved to the next practicable election date according to statute.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1678 requires a second election where a tie vote occurs. This would modify the current procedure for a tie vote, which is resolved by a drawing of lots. The cost of a second election depends on the race involved. Some races naturally cost more than others. In addition, the entity that called the election is financially responsible for the second election.

Per the Oklahoma State Election Board (SEB), a second small school or municipal election may cost as little as \$1,000. A second statewide election may cost as much as \$2,000,000. However, even the cost of such elections as specified could vary greatly based on the office. Furthermore, it is unforeseeable when such a tie vote may occur and for what race or office would be involved for purposes of a fiscal impact to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.