1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1607 By: Bergstrom of the Senate
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6	and
7	Lepak of the House
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9	An Act relating to county elective offices; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 12-111, which relates to
10	vacancies in county elective offices; prohibiting
11	special election for certain vacancies; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
15	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 12-111, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	Section 12-111. A. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the
18	office of a county commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled at a
19	special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30)
20	days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall
21	be called if the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year if the term
22	of the office expires the following year, or if the vacancy occurs
23	within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the
24	regular candidate filing period for the office. In such case, the

candidate elected to the office at the Primary Election, runoff
Primary Election, or the regular General Election shall be appointed
by the Governor as soon as practical after the applicable election
to fill the unexpired term.

5 Β. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any elective county office 6 of any county in this state having a population of more than the population figure specified in subsection B E of Section 10 of Title 7 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the vacancy shall be filled at a 8 9 special election to be called by the Governor within thirty (30) 10 days after the vacancy occurs. Provided, no special election shall 11 be called if the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year if the term 12 of the office expires the following year, or if the vacancy occurs within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the 13 regular candidate filing period for the office. In such case, the 14 candidate elected to the office at the Primary Election, runoff 15 Primary Election, or the regular General Election shall be appointed 16 by the Governor as soon as practical after the applicable election 17 to fill the unexpired term. 18

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated 04/02/2024 - DO PASS.

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