## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Extraordinary Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE BILL 7X By: Dahm

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to election audits; creating the Post-Election Forensic Audit Act of 2021; providing short title; stating purpose of act; requiring appointment of independent third party to conduct forensic audit of the November 2020 election in designated counties; establishing deadlines for certain appointment and completion of audits; requiring submission of certain report; designating potential funding sources for conducting of audit; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

- SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-130.1 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- This act shall be known and may be cited as the Post-Election Forensic Audit Act of 2021 to ensure that newly drawn districts formed as a part of the redistricting process based on the 2020 federal decennial census are free of possible future election irregularities.

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- B. The Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint an independent third party to conduct a forensic audit of the general election that took place on November 3, 2020. Such independent third party shall be appointed no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.
- C. The independent third party appointed under subsection B of this section shall complete an audit for every precinct in:
- 1. The three most populous counties as determined by the 2020 federal decennial census;
- 2. The three least populous counties as determined by the 2020 federal decennial census; and
- 3. Three counties randomly selected by the independent third party.
- D. Audits required by this section shall be completed no later than ninety (90) days after the date of the appointment of the independent third party. Upon completion, the independent third party shall submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that identifies and details any anomaly or discrepancy in voter data, ballot data, or tabulation.
- E. Funding required to complete the requirements of this section shall be appropriated by the Legislature from funds

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    available from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
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    Act (CARES) or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
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        SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
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    of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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