

**Effective November 1, 2013 municipalities with a population of FEWER than 2,000 that are not governed by a charter will be required to adopt an ordinance to have their elections conducted by the county election board. (ATTACHED: Sample Ordinance)**

## Oklahoma Statutes Citationized

### Title 11. Cities and Towns

#### Chapter 1 - Oklahoma Municipal Code

#### Article Article XVI - Municipal Elections

#### Section 16-302 - Required Town Meetings - Repealed Ordinances

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A. Except as otherwise provided in this act, Section [16-301](#) et seq. of this title, all municipalities with fewer than two thousand (2,000) residents, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, that are not governed by charter, shall elect officers and consider questions raised by initiative or referendum, pursuant to Section [15-101](#) et seq. of this title, at biennial town meetings or special town meetings of the voters of each municipality as provided in this act. **Provided, that a municipality of fewer than two thousand (2,000) residents may at any time adopt an ordinance requiring that its officers shall be elected and initiative and referendum questions shall be decided only through elections conducted by the county election board pursuant to Section 16-101 et seq. of this title.** Any municipality that passes an ordinance pursuant to this section shall upon adoption of the ordinance provide a copy of the ordinance to the county election board of the county in which the municipality is located.

B. If the ordinance is repealed, elections of the municipality shall be at a town meeting. The municipality shall provide a copy of the repealer to the county election board of the county in which the municipality is located. If a municipality with fewer than two thousand (2,000) residents fails to hold its regular municipal elections as required by law, the municipality shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act, Section [16-301](#) et seq. of this title; provided, further, that such municipality may adopt a resolution requiring that its elections be conducted by the county election board as provided in this section.

### ***Historical Data***

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Laws 1988, SB 597, c. 105, § 2, eff. November 1, 1988; Amended by Laws 1989, SB 279, c. 78, § 1, emerg. eff. April 17, 1989; Amended by Laws 2013, **HB 1402, c. 25, § 1, eff. November 1, 2013** ([superseded document available](#)).

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