

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 363

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING 26 O.S. 1981, SECTIONS 4-111 AND 16-120, WHICH RELATE TO VOTER REGISTRATION; STATING REQUIREMENTS FOR VALIDITY OF REGISTRATION; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF CERTAIN UNAUTHORIZED VOTING MATERIALS; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON REGISTERING VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1981, Section 4-111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-111. Any qualified elector desiring to become a registered voter shall appear, in person, in the county of his residence, before a person authorized to register voters in said county. The person conducting the registration shall put the applicant under oath and inform him that any willful false statement said applicant makes will subject him to prosecution for perjury. Said applicant then shall swear to or affirm the facts on the registration form, and his answers shall be recorded in his presence

by permanent writing or typewriting. Applicant shall sign the registration form in the presence of the person conducting the registration and shall be issued a voter identification card. Any application not made before a person authorized to register voters shall not be valid.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-103.1 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Anyone not authorized to register voters who represents himself as a voter registrar and knowingly causes any qualified elector to be invalidly registered shall be deemed guilty of a felony.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1981, Section 16-120, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-120. Any person who causes to be printed, or who has in his possession, ballots, blank voter identification cards or blank voter registration materials not authorized by law shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.