

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1088

By: Monson, Hamilton (Jeff),
Isaac and Cox of the
House

and

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(Ed) and Robinson of the
Senate

An Act relating to elections; requiring motor license agents to provide voter registration forms furnished by the Department of Public Safety to certain applicants for license to operate motor vehicle or identification cards; establishing procedures for voter registration of such applicants; providing procedures for name and address changes; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Sections 4-105, 4-106 and 4-108, which relate to appointment, compensation and hours of voter registrars; providing for the removal, compensation and hours of motor license agents acting as voter registrars; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 4-111.1 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning January 1, 1994, motor license agents, as defined in Section 1102 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall provide to each qualified elector who applies in the county of his residence for the issuance, renewal, or correction of any type of license to operate a motor vehicle or any identification card issued pursuant to Section 6-105 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an opportunity to complete a voter registration form prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The forms shall be furnished to motor license agents by the Department of Public Safety.

B. If the applicant wishes to complete a voter registration form, a voter registrar shall administer the oath required by Section 4-111 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes to the applicant, and if registration is not closed in the voter's precinct, provide the applicant with a voter identification card. Voter registration forms shall be transmitted to the county election board as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

C. If voter registration is closed in the applicant's precinct as provided in Section 4-110 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the applicant shall not be issued a voter identification card by the voter registrar but it shall be issued by the secretary of the county election board as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board when registration reopens.

D. Any registered elector who continues to reside in the county stated in the elector's voter registration and who informs a motor

license agent of a change of name or address shall have notice of the elector's change of name or address, with the change noted, forwarded by the motor license agent to the secretary of the county election board of the county in which the elector resides.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-105, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-105. In addition, the secretary of each county election board shall appoint as voter registrars at least one person for every one thousand registered voters in the county, as enumerated by the latest January 15 registration report; ~~provided further, however, that the total number of voter registrars in any county need not exceed one hundred.~~ In addition to the voter registrars otherwise appointed under this section, all motor license agents and all their employees who meet the legal requirements to be a voter registrar shall be designated registrars. The secretary of each county election board, or his designated qualified voting registrar, may visit each high school in his or her county, with concurrence of the school board of each school district, one time during the second semester of each school year, for the purpose of registering all eligible students who wish to register. All political parties in the county must be represented among ~~the~~ appointed voter registrars. Said voter registrars shall be located in such a manner geographically as to provide convenient access for all qualified electors of the county. The secretary shall have the authority to remove any voter registrar, including any motor license agent or employee acting as a voter registrar, at any time for any reason. To be eligible to become a voter registrar, one must be a registered voter of the county, except motor license agents and their employees, and must demonstrate competence to perform his duties. Voter registrars shall be trained in their duties in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-106, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-106. Each voter registrar, except employees of motor license agents acting as voter registrars, shall receive as sole compensation for his services seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per registration, transfer or change of political affiliation transacted by said voter registrar, payable from county funds. Motor license agents shall receive seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per valid registration or change in registration transaction performed by themselves and employees of the motor license agent's office taken at the agent's office, payable from county funds. Said compensation may be waived if the voter registrar is a regular employee of a municipality, school district or other governmental subdivision who conducts registration transactions during the hours of his regular employment. A waiver may be granted only upon execution of a written request for same from the voter registrar to the secretary of the county election board.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-108, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-108. Voter registrars, including motor license agents and their employees acting as voter registrars, shall be available for registration, transfers or changes of political affiliation for a minimum of three (3) continuous hours per day, during the time prescribed by law for making such transactions, such hours to be determined by the secretary of the county election board.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 18th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate