

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1273

By: Vaughn

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Sections 4-116, 4-117 and 4-118, as amended by Sections 15, 16 and 17, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1994 (26 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sections 4-116, 4-117 and 4-118), which relate to voter registration; requiring transfer of registration within certain time if voter changes residence; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-116, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1994 (26 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4-116), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-116. If a registered voter of a county changes ~~his or her~~ residence to another precinct within the same county, ~~he or she~~ the voter shall ~~be entitled to~~ transfer ~~his or her~~ voter registration in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board, prior to the next election in which the voter intends to vote. In no event shall the voter continue to vote in a precinct in which the voter does not reside. The secretary of the county election board shall change the registration information of such registered voter in the Oklahoma Election Management System and

shall issue a new voter identification card to the voter.

Information given by the voter shall be under oath.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-117, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1994 (26 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4-117), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-117. If a registered voter of a county has changed ~~his or her~~ residence within the same county, ~~and has not executed a transfer as hereinbefore provided, he or she~~ during the time period that registration is closed, the voter shall be entitled to a transfer upon ~~his or her executing~~ execution by the voter of an application on a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and presenting such form along with ~~his or her~~ the voter identification card of the voter to the inspector of the precinct in which ~~he is registered~~ the voter now resides on the day of the next ensuing election. Upon doing so, such registered voter shall be permitted to vote in such precinct, and only in such precinct, for the election being conducted on that day ~~only~~. The inspector shall deliver such form to the secretary of the county election board, who shall transfer such registration in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-118, as amended by Section 17, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1994 (26 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4-118), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-118. A. Any registered voter who changes ~~his or her~~ residence to another county ~~may~~ shall apply for registration as an initial registrant in such other county, prior to the next election to be held in that county, if the voter wishes to vote in that county. In no event shall the voter continue to vote in a county in which the voter does not reside. If a registered voter of a county has changed residence to another county during the time period that registration is closed, the voter shall be entitled to a transfer upon execution by the voter of an application on a form to be

prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and presenting such form along with the voter identification card of the voter to the inspector of the precinct in which the voter now resides on the day of the next ensuing election. Upon doing so, such registered voter shall be permitted to vote in such precinct, and only in such precinct, for the election being conducted on that day.

~~Such~~ B. Any person changing registration pursuant to this section shall indicate ~~his or her~~ prior registration information, including name, residence address and county and political affiliation, as appropriate, on the voter registration application. The secretary of the election board of the second county shall immediately notify the Secretary of the State Election Board of such transaction.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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