

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1423

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-112, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1994 (26 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 4-112), which relates to voter registration; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 4-112, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1994 (26 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-112. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall devise and distribute a registration application to be used for registering voters. Such registration application shall contain the following information: Voter's full name and date of birth, county and place of residence and mailing address; the name of the political party recognized by the laws of the State of Oklahoma with which the voter is affiliated; an oath of the voter's eligibility to become a registered voter; and such other information as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary to identify such voter and to ascertain his or her eligibility. A voter registration application shall be signed by the applicant in writing. The applicant shall

personally subscribe his or her name to or make his or her mark on the application, and no agent, representative or employee of the applicant may sign or mark on the applicant's behalf. The signature or mark must be the original, handwritten signature, autograph or mark of the applicant. No facsimile, reproduction, typewritten or other substitute signature, autograph or mark will be valid.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe procedures to authorize any person incapable of personally making ~~his~~ a personal mark to complete a voter registration application with assistance of an official of any voter registration agency or motor license agency specified in Sections ~~10~~ 4-109.2 and ~~11~~ 4-109.3 of this ~~act~~ title. Persons not affiliated with any political party recognized by the laws of the State of Oklahoma or who do not indicate a political party on their registration application shall be designated as Independents. The form may request but shall not require the applicant's Oklahoma driver's license number or social security number and a telephone number where the applicant can be contacted during normal business hours. Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of the State Election Board for permission to print, copy or otherwise prepare and distribute the registration applications designed by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The Secretary may revoke any such permission at any time. All registration applications shall be distributed to the public at no charge. The Secretary also shall prescribe procedures to accept and use federal registration applications as required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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