

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Section 1-106, which relates to determination of dates; authorizing the Secretary of the State Election Board to change the date of an event in certain circumstances; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Section 2-107, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2003 (26 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 2-107), which relates to the duties of the Secretary of the State Election Board; modifying duties; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Section 3-113, which relates to instructions to voters; requiring instructions to include all information required by law; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Sections 4-112, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 447, O.S.L. 2002, 4-113, 5-116, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 2003, 5-116.1, 7-136 and 7-138 (26 O.S. Supp. 2003, Sections 4-112 and 5-116), which relate to voter registration, withdrawals from elections, canvassing returns and credit for voting; modifying information to be provided in registration application; clarifying statutory reference; requiring certain voters to provide identification to vote in federal elections; providing acceptable forms of identification; providing exception to requirement; modifying withdrawal date from primary election; modifying withdrawal date from general election; allowing certain voters to cast provisional ballots; requiring provisional ballots to be available for all elections conducted by a county election board; requiring the Secretary of the State Election Board to promulgate rules pertaining to provisional ballots; providing who is entitled to cast a provisional ballot; providing procedure for casting and counting provisional ballots; making certain information confidential; providing for an extension of time to investigate and verify provisional ballots; requiring the secretary of a county election board to retain materials pertaining to provisional ballots for a certain period of time; providing date and time to certify certain results of certain elections; providing registered voter credit for voting; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Sections 8-105, 8-106, 8-108, 8-109, 8-110 and 8-114, which relate to tie votes, certifications and contests; modifying date for issuance of list for tied vote; modifying time for issuance of lists of successful candidates and certificates of election; modifying time to contest an election; modifying time related to security and transfer of ballot boxes and transfer cases; providing that procedure for recount applies to provisional ballots; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Section 9-100, which relates to experimental voting devices or equipment; authorizing the State Election Board to use experimental vote counting devices or equipment; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Section 11-106, which relates to certification of election of judicial officers; modifying time for certification of election results; providing election dates for municipalities with home rule charters; amending Section 9, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2003 and 26 O.S. 2001, Section 14-121, as last amended by Section 20, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2003 (26 O.S. Supp. 2003, Sections 14-104.1 and 14-121), which relate to absentee voting; providing that certain absentee ballot procedure applies to ballots cast by voters who are absent from the United States; providing for absentee provisional ballots; repealing 26 O.S. 2001, Section 7-116, which relates to voter identification cards; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.