

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 332

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2001, Section 6-106, which relates to printing ballots for the general election; requiring a voting target for each political party at the top of the ballot card; stating a mark in the voting target at the top of the ballot card constitutes a partisan vote for every candidate; providing exception for voting beside the name of a candidate; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2001, Section 6-106, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-106. The official ballot card for the General Election shall be printed so that the nominees of the various political parties and nonpartisan candidates will appear in columns. For each ballot for which there are partisan candidates, the candidates of the recognized parties shall be printed in the first position in lot order followed by candidates of unrecognized parties in lot order followed by independent candidates in lot order. Candidates of recognized and unrecognized parties shall be printed in the lot order of their respective party. Each political party shall have the right to select an emblem to be used in designating its candidates on the ballot; provided, however, that no party shall be allowed to use the coat of arms or seal of Oklahoma or of the United States, or the respective flags thereof. Until changed by resolution of a political party, in state convention, the emblem of the Democratic party shall be a rooster and that of the Republican party an eagle. Change in a party emblem shall be authorized by the

Secretary of the State Election Board only after receipt of written notice of said change by said Secretary from the state central committee of a party. At the top of each ballot card on which there are partisan candidates shall appear the name of each recognized party with the emblem of ~~said~~ such party and a voting target for each recognized party in lot order as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board. A mark made by a voter in such a voting target for a recognized political party at the top of a ballot card shall constitute a vote for every candidate of that party in any partisan race on the ballot card. However, a mark in a voting target beside the name of a candidate of any other political party in any race on such a ballot shall constitute a vote for that candidate. Below ~~said~~ such name and emblems shall be a line extending across the entire ballot. The name of the office entitled to the first place in the column, preceded by the word "for," shall appear in bold type, as "For Governor". Immediately after same shall be the names of the nominees for such office printed with the name of the nominee's party followed by candidates who file as Independents for such office printed with the word "Independent". The list shall be continued down each column, naming the officers in the order in which they are set out by the Constitution and statutes, until all the nominees are given space. The columns shall be setoff with well defined lines.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

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