

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE REPORT

February 20, 2008

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SB 1150

By: Ford of the Senate

Title: Elections; requiring voter to provide proof of identity. Effective date.

Co-authored by: Tibbs (Principal) of the House

Recommendation: **DO PASS AS AMENDED**

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Senator Mike Johnson, Co-Chair

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Senator Johnnie Crutchfield, Co-Chair

Amendments:

1. Page 5, Line 14 1/2, by inserting three new sections and by renumbering subsequent sections:

“SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-115.3 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Oklahoma Voter Verification and Election Integrity Act

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-115.4 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A person who is eligible to register to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual resides and completing a voter registration application, making written oath, and providing proof of identity.

B. For purposes of this section, a person may establish identity by presenting to a precinct or any election official any of the following:

1. A current and valid Government I.D.;
2. Oklahoma driver's license;
3. Oklahoma non-operator's identification card;
4. A residential lease or utility bill that shows the name and address of the voter;
5. A student identification card from a postsecondary educational institution in

Oklahoma;

6. A copy of a bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter; or

7. Any current and valid form of photographic identification approved by the state elections board. If the photographic identification presented does not contain the person's current address in the precinct, the person may be requested to present a current document that shows the person's name and address in the precinct.

C. In lieu of subsection B of this section, a person wishing to vote may establish identity and residency in the precinct by written oath of a person who is registered to vote in the precinct. The registered voter's oath shall attest to the stated identity of the person wishing to vote and that the person is a current resident of the precinct. The oath must be signed by the attesting registered voter in the presence of any precinct election official.

D. The oath required pursuant to subsection A and subsection C of this section shall be attached to the voter registration application, and the information contained in the oath shall be recorded on the voter registration records of the person registering to vote and on the voter registration records of the registered voter attesting by oath on behalf of a person registering to vote if applicable.

E. At any time before election day, a person who appears in person at the their county elections board office or at a satellite absentee voting station after the deadline for registration in section 4-110.1 of this title, may register to vote and vote an absentee ballot by following the procedure in this section for registering to vote on election day. A person who wishes to vote in person at the polling place on election day and who has not registered to vote before the deadline is required to register to vote at the polling place on election day following the procedure in this section.

**SECTION 6. NEW LAW** A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-115.5 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A person whose name does not appear on the election register of the precinct in which that person claims the right to vote shall not be permitted to vote, unless the person affirms that the person is currently registered in the county and presents proof of identity, or a County Elections Board Official informs a precinct election official that an error has occurred and that the person is a registered voter of that precinct. If the County Election Board office finds no record of the person's registration but the person insists that the person is a registered voter of that precinct, the precinct election officials shall allow the person to cast a ballot. If the voter informs the precinct election official that the voter resides in the precinct and is not registered to vote, the voter may register to vote

and cast a ballot. If such a voter is unable to establish identity and in the manner provided in Section 4 of this act, the voter shall be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.

B. A person who has been sent an absentee ballot by mail but for any reason has not received it shall be permitted to cast a ballot in person.

C. Election Day registration provided in this section shall apply to all elections conducted under this title, including national, state, municipal and school district elections.”

2. By striking the title and inserting:

“(elections – general administration of elections – identity – effective date)”