

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 4, 2008

House Bill No. 2785

HOUSE BILL NO. 2785 - By: JACKSON AND MCMULLEN of the House.

An Act relating to absentee voting; allowing certain persons to apply for and vote by absentee ballot; stating requirements for application and absentee voting; mandating Secretary of State Election Board to implement forms and procedures for absentee voting; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 14-136 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. Any person who:
- 5 1. Is eligible to vote in this state; and
- 6 2. Is unable to vote in an election because that person is on a space flight on
7 election day and during the early voting period for the election,
8 shall be eligible to apply for and vote by absentee ballot.
- 9 B. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall:
- 10 1. Prescribe a form to be used for the application for absentee voting provided for in
11 subsection A of this section; and

1 2. Prescribe any necessary procedures for voting from space on election day by
2 secure electronic means by persons meeting the requirements in subsection A of this
3 section. The procedures may provide for:

- 4 a. a deadline by which a person meeting the requirements in subsection
5 A of this section must apply to vote absentee, and
6 b. the use of the electronic transmission program of the National
7 Aeronautics and Space Administration to send ballots to persons on a
8 space flight.

9 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof
11 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03-03-08 - DO PASS, As
13 Coauthored.