

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE BILL 2785

By: Jackson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-136 of Title 26, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Any person who:

18 1. Is eligible to vote in this state; and

19 2. Is unable to vote in an election because that person is on a  
20 space flight on election day and during the early voting period for  
21 the election,

22 shall be eligible to apply for and vote by absentee ballot.

23 B. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall:  
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1        1. Prescribe a form to be used for the application for absentee  
2 voting provided for in subsection A of this section; and

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

7            a. a deadline by which a person meeting the requirements  
8            in subsection A of this section must apply to vote  
9            absentee, and

10           b. the use of the electronic transmission program of the  
11           National Aeronautics and Space Administration to send  
12           ballots to persons on a space flight.

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

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