

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1519

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to elections; authorizing the State
7 Election Board to prescribe a statement known as the
8 Voter's Bill of Rights; stating contents; requiring
9 the State Election Board to provide certain
10 information in specified form to each precinct and
with each absentee ballot; providing for
codification; providing an effective date; 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 7-103.1 of Title 26, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The State Election Board shall prescribe a statement of the
18 rights of a voter in Oklahoma that shall be known as the "Voter's
19 Bill of Rights".

20 B. The statement required in subsection A of this section must
21 contain the following:

22 1. A statement of the qualifications that an individual must
23 meet to vote in Oklahoma, including qualifications relating to
24 registration;

1 2. A statement informing the voter that every registered voter
2 who is present at the voter's designated polling place anytime
3 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on election day is entitled
4 to vote;

5 3. A statement describing the Oklahoma primary election system;

6 4. A statement describing the circumstances that permit a voter
7 who has moved from the precinct where the voter is registered to
8 return to that precinct to vote;

9 5. A statement that an individual who meets the voter
10 qualifications and circumstances listed in this subsection may vote
11 in the election;

12 6. A statement informing the voter of assistance available to
13 the voter at the polls;

14 7. A statement informing the voter what circumstances will
15 spoil the voter's ballot and the procedures available for the voter
16 to request a new ballot;

17 8. A statement describing election day prohibitions;

18 9. A statement informing the voter what circumstances
19 constitute voter fraud; and

20 10. A statement of the right to nondiscriminatory equal access
21 to the election system for all voters, including elderly, disabled,
22 minority, military and overseas citizens.

23 C. The State Election Board shall have printed, in type large
24 enough to be easily visible to voters entering the polling place, a

1 poster at least nineteen (19) inches by twenty-five (25) inches
2 containing the Voter's Bill of Rights. The Board shall provide not
3 less than two posters for each voting precinct for each election. A
4 copy of the Voter's Bill of Rights shall also be provided with each
5 absentee ballot issued.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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