

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2987

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; requiring proof of
8 citizenship for certain candidates; requiring
9 documents to be available for public inspection;
10 providing for codification; providing an effective
11 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-111.2 of Title 26, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Each candidate required to file a Declaration of Candidacy
17 for any federal, state, county, municipal or judicial office, or for
18 the nomination of a recognized political party, in any general,
19 primary, or special election shall, no later than twenty-four (24)
20 hours after filing the Declaration of Candidacy, provide proof of
21 identity and United States citizenship to the election board at
22 which the Declaration was filed.

23 B. For purposes of this section, a candidate shall present to
24 the election board a current state or federal government-issued

1 photo identification to provide proof of identity, and shall also
2 present one of the following documents to provide proof of United
3 States citizenship:

4 1. An original birth document issued by a state, the
5 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia, or a
6 certified copy thereof;

7 2. An original birth certificate issued by the federal
8 government, or a certified copy thereof;

9 3. An original United States Certificate of Birth Abroad;

10 4. An original Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the
11 United States;

12 5. An original Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-
13 561); or

14 6. For an elective office other than President and Vice
15 President of the United States, an original Certificate of
16 Naturalization (Form N-550, N-570, or N-578) or a valid United
17 States passport.

18 C. Copies of these documents shall be made by the election
19 board and kept available for public inspection pursuant to the
20 Oklahoma Open Records Act.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

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