

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4   HOUSE BILL 2576

                              By: Hoskin

8                               AS INTRODUCED

9           An Act relating to elections; amending Section 1,  
10          Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2012 (26 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section  
11          14-108.1), which relates to notary public  
                restrictions; providing exception for tribal ballots;  
                and providing an effective date.

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

15           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           Section 1, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2012  
16          (26 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 14-108.1), is amended to read as  
17          follows:

18           Section 14-108.1   A.   Neither a notary public nor an agent  
19          working on behalf of a notary public shall be authorized to:

20           1.   Request absentee ballots on behalf of a voter other than  
21          himself or herself;

22           2.   Assist a voter in requesting absentee ballots, other than  
23          for himself or herself or a member of his or her household;

1       3. Receive by mail an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter,  
2 other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her  
3 household; or

4       4. Submit a completed absentee ballot on behalf of a voter  
5 other than for himself or herself.

6       B. A notary public shall maintain a log of all absentee ballot  
7 affidavits that he or she notarizes for a period of at least two (2)  
8 years after the date of the election.

9       C. A notary public shall be authorized to notarize a maximum of  
10 twenty ~~(20)~~ absentee ballot affidavits for a single election.  
11 Provided, a notary public may be authorized to notarize more than  
12 twenty ~~(20)~~ absentee ballot affidavits with the written approval of  
13 the secretary of the county election board. Provided further,  
14 nothing in this subsection shall apply to the notarization of tribal  
15 ballots.

16       D. If more than ten ~~(10)~~ absentee ballots for a single election  
17 are requested to be mailed to a single mailing address, the  
18 secretary of the county election board shall immediately notify the  
19 district attorney for that county and the Secretary of the State  
20 Election Board. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to  
21 requests for ballots to be sent to nursing homes, veterans centers,  
22 medical facilities, multiunit housing, addresses of uniformed or  
23 overseas voters as defined by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens  
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1 Absentee Voting Act, or other locations authorized in writing by the  
2 Secretary of the State Election Board.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.  
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 02/26/2014 - DO  
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