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February 20, 2013

By: Fields of the Senate

and

Russ of the House

An Act relating to election fees; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-112, which relates to filing petitions and fees; modifying certain filing fees; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-112, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-112. A. A declaration of candidacy must be accompanied by a petition supporting a candidate's filing signed by four percent (4%) of the registered voters eligible to vote for a candidate in the first election wherein the candidate's name could appear on the ballot, as reflected by the latest January 15 registration report; or by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for candidates filing with the Secretary of the State Election Board or the secretary of a county election board;

provided, however, such cashier's check or certified check shall be in the amount of ~~One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)~~:

1. Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for candidates for Governor, ~~One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)~~;

2. Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for candidates for United States Senator ~~and Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)~~;

3. One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for candidates for the United States Congress, ~~and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~; and

4. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Corporation Commission, Attorney General, State Auditor and Inspector, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance and Commissioner of Labor.

B. A filing fee received by the Secretary of the State Election Board shall be deposited in the State Election Board Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 3-107 of this title. A filing fee received by a secretary of a county election board shall be deposited in the County Election Board Special Depository Account authorized by Section 3-108 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
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