STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

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FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 775

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-105a, which relates to persons barred from public office; clarifying language; modifying persons ineligible to be a candidate for or be elected to certain offices; defining term; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-105a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-105a. A. A person who has been:

- 1. Been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered;
- 2. Entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony <u>under the laws of this</u> state or of the United States; or who has been

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3. Been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state; or has entered

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4. Entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state;

shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to any state, county, municipal, judicial or school office or any other elective office of any political subdivision of this state for a period of fifteen (15) years following from the date of completion of his or her sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

- B. For purposes of this section, "date of completion of his or her sentence" shall mean:
- 1. The date a person has fulfilled the requirements and restrictions imposed by a court pursuant to a deferred sentence after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere;
- 2. The date a person has completed a sentence after conviction of a crime where a person did not fulfill the requirements and restrictions imposed by a court pursuant to a deferred sentence after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere;
- 3. The date a person has fulfilled the requirements and conditions of a suspended sentence;

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L	4. The date a person has completed a sentence after conviction
2	of a crime where a person did not fulfill the requirements and
3	restrictions imposed by a court pursuant to a suspended sentence; or
1	5. The date a person completes a sentence.
5	B. C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
5	preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for
7	or from holding public office.
3	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.
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