

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1302

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
Section 14-108, which relates to absentee voting;
authorizing hand delivery of ballot to county
election board; requiring proof of identity;
and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-108, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 14-108. A. The voter shall be required to mark the
ballot in ink or other manner as prescribed by the Secretary of the
State Election Board; seal the ballots in the plain opaque envelope;
fill out completely and sign the affidavit, such signature to be
notarized at no charge by a notary public; seal the plain opaque
envelope inside the envelope bearing the affidavit and return both
envelopes, sealed inside the return envelope, by hand delivery,
United States mail or by a private mail service, provided such
service has delivery documentation, to the county election board.

1 No person who is a candidate for an office on the ballot or who is
2 the chair or treasurer of the campaign of a candidate for office or
3 who is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity
4 to a candidate on the ballot may witness any absentee ballot
5 affidavit.

6 B. The ballot shall not be notarized by any person whose name
7 appears on the ballot as a candidate or by any campaign chairperson
8 or campaign treasurer for a candidate whose name appears on the
9 ballot.

10 C. Any voter who hand delivers his or her ballot in the same
11 manner prescribed by subsection A of this section shall provide
12 proof of identity to the county election board. The ballot shall be
13 delivered no later than 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election. For
14 purposes of this section, "proof of identity" shall have the same
15 meaning as used in subsection A of Section 7-114 of this title.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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