

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

By: Wesselhoft

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8                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9                   An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,  
10 Sections 5-118 and 5-121, which relate to contests of  
11 candidacy; authorizing certain persons to contest  
candidacy; increasing deposit required for contest;  
and providing an effective date.

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

15               SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-118, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17               Section 5-118. Any candidate, hereafter referred to as  
18 petitioner, may contest the candidacy of any other candidate for the  
19 same office, hereafter referred to as contestee, by filing a written  
20 petition with the secretary of the election board with whom said  
21 candidate filed the declaration of candidacy. ~~In the event only one~~  
22 ~~candidate files for an office, a~~ A petition contesting the candidacy  
23 may be filed by any registered voter who is eligible to vote for the  
24 candidate.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-121, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 5-121. The petition must be accompanied by a cashier's  
4 check or certified check in the amount of ~~Two Hundred Fifty Dollars~~  
5 ~~(\$250.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated  
9 02/05/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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