

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1302

By: Walker and Wesselhoft

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

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

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

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

1 service has delivery documentation, to the county election board.

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

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

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

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated
20 02/25/2016 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.