HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 5-110 and 5-111, as last amended by Section

Candidacy; providing for designation of nominee for office of Lieutenant Governor; providing for the filing of one Declaration of Candidacy by joint

candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 6-103, which relates to election ballots; providing for ballots for offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and

1, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 2013 (26 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 5-111), which relate to Declaration of

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FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1805

By: Banz of the House

and

Justice of the Senate

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY

providing an effective date.

26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-110, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 5-110. A. Declarations of Candidacy provided herein

for in this article must be filed with the secretary of the

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appropriate election board no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of April of any even-numbered year and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Friday. Such Declarations of Candidacy may be transmitted by United States mail, but in no event shall the secretary of any election board accept such Declarations after the time prescribed by law.

- B. Each candidate for Governor shall designate the person who shall run as the nominee for Lieutenant Governor for the party. If the candidate for Governor is a member of a recognized political party, the nominee for Lieutenant Governor shall be of the same political party as the candidate for Governor. The joint candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall jointly file one Declaration of Candidacy and shall appear jointly on the ballot.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-111, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 2013 (26 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 5-111), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 5-111. A. Forms to be used for filing Declarations of Candidacy shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and shall contain the following information:
 - 1. The name of the candidate as it shall appear on the ballot;
 - 2. The legal name of the candidate;
 - 3. The candidate's place of residence and mailing address;
 - 4. The name of the office sought;

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- 5. The candidate's date of birth;
- 6. The party affiliation of the candidate seeking political party nomination;
- 7. The precinct and county wherein the candidate is a registered voter;
- 8. An oath wherein the candidate swears or affirms that he or she is qualified to become a candidate for the office sought, and that, if elected, the candidate will be qualified to hold the office; and
- 9. Any additional information which the Secretary deems necessary.
- B. If the candidate has ever been ultimately determined by a court of proper authority to be guilty of an offense specified in subsection A of Section 5-105a of this title or at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy is named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for such an offense, in this or any other state, the candidate shall provide the following information on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board:
 - 1. The name of the offense:
- 2. The date of conviction or issuance of the outstanding warrant; and
- 3. The county and state of conviction or issuance of the outstanding warrant.

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The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an offense for which the candidate has received a pardon.

- C. A Declaration of Candidacy form must be signed by the candidate, and the signature must be properly notarized by a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths. A Declaration of Candidacy form for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor must be signed by both candidates, and the signatures must be properly notarized in the manner provided for in this subsection.
- D. In addition to the information required by this section, a candidate may include a telephone number, email address and website address. Such additional information shall not be required of any candidate but if provided shall be made available to the public.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 6-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-103. A. The State Election Board shall cause ballots to be printed for statewide Primary, Runoff Primary, General Elections and special elections at such time as to insure ensure delivery of said ballots to the several county election boards for distribution to the several precinct election boards prior to election day. Said board shall cause ballots to be printed for the following offices: Electors for President and Vice President; United States Senators; United States Representatives; state officers; Justices of the Supreme Court; Judges of the Court of

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Criminal Appeals; Judges of the Court of Appeals; district judges
and associate district judges; State Senators; State
Representatives; district attorneys; county officers, and such other
officers as required by law, in the order they appear in the
statutes, and shall cause ballots to be printed for state questions.

B. The slate of the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant

Governor shall be nominated and elected jointly by the casting of a

single vote applicable to both offices. No candidate for Governor

or Lieutenant Governor shall appear individually on a ballot for the

office the candidate is seeking.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective upon the approval by the people of this state of the constitutional amendment contained in House Joint Resolution No. 1011 of the 1st Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/18/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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