## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE BILL 775

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By: Bass

## AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-105a, which relates to persons barred from public office; clarifying language; providing that period of ineligibility applies to deferred or suspended sentences; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-105a, is AMENDATORY 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 under the laws of this state or of the United States; or who has been
- 3. Been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of

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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 completion of his <u>or her</u> sentence, including a deferred or suspended sentence, or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for or from holding public office.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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