

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE BILL 777

By: Bass

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to absentee ballots; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 14-103 and 14-105, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 2013 (26 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 14-105), which relate to requesting absentee ballots; providing exception; providing for validity of absentee ballot application for certain period; providing for forms; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. Absentee ballots must be requested no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding an election, except as provided in Section 14-105 of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-105, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 2013 (26 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 14-105), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-105. Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot in person at the county election board, by United States mail, by telegraph, by facsimile device as defined in Section 1862

1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or by a means of electronic  
2 communication designated by the Secretary of the State Election  
3 Board. The application shall state if it is for a single election  
4 or for all elections in which the voter is eligible to vote. If an  
5 application for absentee ballots in all elections in which the voter  
6 is eligible to vote is approved, the application shall be considered  
7 valid until:

- 8 1. The voter cancels the application;
- 9 2. The voter ceases to be a registered voter; or
- 10 3. A ballot mailed to the voter is returned to the sender by  
11 the United States Postal Service.

12 The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe ~~a form~~  
13 forms to be used for the application and for cancellation of a  
14 previous application, although any application or cancellation  
15 setting forth substantially the same facts shall be valid.

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

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