

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 780

By: Bass

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; requiring Secretary of State Election Board to cause voter information pamphlet to be prepared; setting forth information to be included; providing for candidate information to be submitted; providing for publication and distribution; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-130 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Prior to any state election, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall cause to be prepared a voter information pamphlet designed to inform the voters about the candidates and issues that will be on the ballot. Both a printed and an electronic version of the pamphlet shall be prepared.

B. The pamphlet shall contain such information as deemed necessary by the Secretary of the State Election Board, including but not limited to, the following:

1 1. The ballot title of any state question submitted to the
2 voters by the Legislature or by a statewide initiative or referendum
3 petition. The electronic version of the pamphlet shall include a
4 link to an electronic version of the complete text of the question;

5 2. A section describing the judicial selection and retention
6 process and listing each judicial candidate for election or
7 retention;

8 3. A list of all candidates for statewide office;

9 4. A list of all candidates for legislative office;

10 5. A list of all candidates for county office;

11 6. A list of all candidates for district attorney;

12 7. The date of the election and hours that the polls will be
13 open on such date;

14 8. The dates and hours for in-person absentee voting;

15 9. Information on obtaining and submitting absentee ballots;

16 10. Such other information as deemed necessary and appropriate
17 by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

18 C. Each candidate for office may submit a recent photograph and
19 a statement of qualifications to hold the office to the State
20 Election Board before the ninetieth day prior to the day of the
21 election to be included in the pamphlet. Such statement shall not
22 exceed one hundred (100) words in length and shall not contain
23 information about any other candidates for that or any other office.
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1 The Secretary of the State Election Board shall omit any statement
2 that does not meet the requirements of this subsection.

3 D. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall publish the
4 electronic version of the pamphlet on the website of the State
5 Election Board. The Secretary shall also provide the electronic
6 version of the pamphlet to each county election board that has a
7 website. Any registered voter may request that the electronic
8 version be provided by electronic mail.

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

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