

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1559

By: Hall

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 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), which relates to absentee voting; authorizing certain voters to apply for absentee ballots; providing for cancelation of certain applications; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-105, 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 1-105. A. 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 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or by a means of electronic communication designated by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe a form to be used for the application, although any

1 application setting forth substantially the same facts shall be
2 valid.

3 B. Absent voters, nursing home voters, physically incapacitated
4 voters, voters charged with the care of physically incapacitated
5 persons, veteran center voters and those wishing to become permanent
6 absentee voters may apply for absentee ballots for all elections in
7 which they are eligible to vote.

8 C. Applications for absentee ballots received from uniformed
9 services voters and overseas voters shall be considered applications
10 for all elections in which the voter is eligible to vote.

11 D. If absentee ballots mailed to the address provided by the
12 voter on an application for absentee ballots that requests ballots
13 for all elections are returned undelivered to the county election
14 board by the postal service, the secretary of the county election
15 board shall be authorized to cancel the application. The
16 application information may be deleted from the Modern Election
17 Support Application (MESA). The secretary shall indicate on the
18 outside of the returned absentee ballot mailing envelope that the
19 application is cancelled as a result of the returned, undelivered
20 ballots. The returned envelope shall be retained for twenty-four
21 (24) months.

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