

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1564

By: Echols of the House

and

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 5-112 and 20-102, which relate to petitions and filing fees; modifying requirements for petition accompanying declaration of candidacy; modifying amount of fees to file as candidate for certain offices; providing procedure for adjustment of fees; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-112, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-112. A. A declaration of candidacy must be accompanied by a:

1. A petition supporting a candidate's filing signed by four  
~~percent (4%) of the registered voters eligible to vote for a~~  
~~candidate in the first election wherein the candidate's name could~~  
~~appear on the ballot, as reflected by the latest January 15~~  
~~registration report~~ not fewer than two percent (2%) of the number of

1 registered voters in the district, county or state, as appropriate  
2 for the office sought; or by a

3 2. A cashier's check or certified check in the amount of Two  
4 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for candidates filing with the Secretary  
5 of the State Election Board or the secretary of a county election  
6 board; provided, however, such cashier's check or certified check  
7 shall be in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
8 (\$1,500.00) for candidates for Governor, One Thousand Dollars  
9 (\$1,000.00) for candidates for United States Senator and Seven  
10 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for candidates for the United States  
11 Congress, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for candidates for  
12 Lieutenant Governor, Corporation Commission, Attorney General, State  
13 Auditor and Inspector, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
14 State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance and Commissioner of Labor  
15 as follows:

16 a. for candidates for Governor, Two Thousand Dollars  
17 (\$2,000.00),

18 b. for candidates for United States Senator, Two Thousand  
19 Dollars (\$2,000.00),

20 c. for candidates for United States Congress, One  
21 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),

22 d. for candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Corporation  
23 Commission, Attorney General, State Auditor and  
24 Inspector, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,

State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance and  
Commissioner of Labor, One Thousand Dollars  
(\$1,000.00),

e. for candidates for the State Senate or State House of  
Representatives, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),

f. for candidates for District Judge or Associate  
District Judge, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),

g. for candidates for District Attorney, Five Hundred  
Dollars (\$500.00), and

h. for candidates for county office, Three Hundred  
Dollars (\$300.00).

B. A filing fee received by the Secretary of the State Election Board shall be deposited in the State Election Board Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 3-107 of this title. A filing fee received by a secretary of a county election board shall be deposited in the County Election Board Special Depository Account authorized by Section 3-108 of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 20-102, is amended to read as follows:

Section 20-102. A. Candidates for the nomination for President of the United States shall file with the Secretary of the State Election Board. Such candidates shall be members of political parties recognized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma and shall have filed a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election

1 Commission and shall have raised and expended not less than Five  
2 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for ~~said~~ the office. The candidates  
3 shall be required to swear an oath or affirm that they meet the  
4 aforementioned qualifications, and their signatures shall be  
5 witnessed by a notary public. Such filing beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
6 the first Monday in December and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the next  
7 succeeding Wednesday, or at a time prescribed by the State Election  
8 Board for a Presidential Preferential Primary to be held on a date  
9 other than the first Tuesday in March. A statement of candidacy  
10 must be accompanied by a petition supporting a candidate's filing  
11 signed by one percent (1%) of the registered voters in each  
12 congressional district eligible to vote for a candidate or one  
13 thousand (1,000) registered voters in each congressional district  
14 eligible to vote for a candidate, whichever is less, as reflected by  
15 the latest January 15 registration report; or by a cashier's check  
16 or certified check in the amount of ~~Two Thousand Five Hundred~~  
17 ~~Dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The State  
18 Election Board shall cause the names of all candidates who have  
19 filed within the proper time to be printed on the official ballots.  
20 The ballots shall be prepared as provided for by law. Voters shall  
21 be restricted to one vote for the candidate of his or her choice of  
22 the political party in which the voter is registered.

23 B. Each page of a petition supporting a candidate's filing  
24 shall identify the county and the congressional district, and shall

1 contain the names of registered voters in only one congressional  
2 district and in only one county.

3 C. Each page of a petition supporting a candidate's filing  
4 shall be verified. Verification shall be made in substantial  
5 compliance with the provisions of Section 6 of Title 34 of the  
6 Oklahoma Statutes.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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