

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1564

By: Echols of the House

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7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 5-112, which relates to petitions and filing
9 fees; modifying amount of signatures needed for
10 certain petition; authorizing a candidate with
11 certain income to file a pauper's affidavit in lieu
12 of paying the costs; requiring accompanying petition
signed by certain number of registered votes; and
providing an effective date.

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

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

16 Section 5-112. A. A declaration of candidacy must be
17 accompanied by a petition supporting a candidate's filing signed by
18 ~~four percent (4%)~~ not fewer than one percent (1%) of the number of
19 registered voters ~~eligible to vote for a candidate~~ in the ~~first~~
20 ~~election wherein the candidate's name could appear on the ballot,~~
21 district, county or state, as appropriate for the office sought as
22 reflected by the latest January 15 registration report; or by a
23 cashier's check or certified check in the amount of Two Hundred
24 Dollars (\$200.00) for candidates filing with the Secretary of the

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

11 B. A candidate with an annual income at or below the federal
12 poverty level may file a pauper's affidavit provided by the
13 Secretary of the State Election Board in lieu of paying the costs
14 provided for in this section. The pauper's affidavit shall be
15 accompanied by a petition signed by a number of registered voters in
16 the district, county or state as appropriate for the office sought,
17 equal to the dollar amount of the filing fee required for the
18 office.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate