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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 4-103, 4-110.1, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 and 4-113 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4-110.1), which relate to voter registration; modifying procedure for voter registration for persons of certain age; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-103. ~~Any~~ A. Except for persons described in  
subsection B of this section, any person who will become a qualified  
elector during the sixty (60) days before the next ensuing election  
at which he or she could vote shall be entitled to become a  
registered voter of the precinct of his or her residence not more  
than sixty (60) and not less than twenty-four (24) days prior to  
~~said~~ the date of such election.

B. Any person who is at least seventeen (17) years and six (6) months of age, but less than eighteen (18) years of age, may submit a voter registration application as provided by law, and shall be

1 entitled to become a registered voter of the precinct of residence  
2 upon his or her eighteenth birthday.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-110.1, as  
4 amended by Section 5, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
5 Section 4-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 4-110.1. A. Voter registration applications may be  
7 submitted at any time. However, completed applications received by  
8 the State Election Board, any county election board, any agency  
9 designated to accept voter registration applications or any motor  
10 license agent as part of a driver license or identification card  
11 application twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to an election; any  
12 mail application postmarked or any electronic application submitted  
13 twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to an election or any mail  
14 application received without a postmark nineteen (19) or fewer days  
15 prior to an election shall not be approved for that election if the  
16 applicant's residence is located within the geographical boundaries  
17 of the entity for which the election is being conducted.

18 B. No more than seven (7) days after any election, each county  
19 election board secretary for the county of the applicant's residence  
20 shall send a notice of disposition as required in Section 4-103.1 of  
21 this title to all persons whose voter registration applications were  
22 received twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to the election.

23 C. Registration for voting purposes occurs when a completed  
24 voter registration application is approved by the county election

1 board secretary for the county of the applicant's residence and on  
2 the date that the information is entered into the voter registration  
3 database for the county of the applicant's residence.

4 D. Registration for candidate filing or party affiliation  
5 purposes occurs at the earliest time the completed voter  
6 registration application is received at the State Election Board,  
7 any county election board, any agency designated to accept voter  
8 registration applications or any Motor License Agent as part of a  
9 driver license or identification card application provided that the  
10 application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the county  
11 election board for the county of the applicant's residence; or, in  
12 the case of mail applications, registration for candidate filing or  
13 party affiliation purposes shall occur at the time when the  
14 completed voter registration application is postmarked provided that  
15 the application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the  
16 county election board for the county of the applicant's residence;  
17 or, in the case of a mail application received without a postmark,  
18 registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes  
19 shall occur at the earliest time when the completed application is  
20 received by the State Election Board or any county election board  
21 provided that the application is subsequently approved by the  
22 secretary of the county election board for the county of the  
23 applicant's residence.

1       E. Registration for any purpose of a person who is under the  
2 age of eighteen (18) years and who has submitted an application  
3 pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 4-103 of this  
4 title occurs upon the eighteenth birthday of the person, regardless  
5 of the time the application is received or approved.

6       SECTION 3.       AMENDATORY       26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-113, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8       Section 4-113. A. The Secretary of the State Election Board  
9 shall devise a voter identification card which shall be issued to  
10 every person who becomes a registered voter in Oklahoma. ~~Said~~ The  
11 voter identification card shall contain such information as is  
12 necessary to determine a registered voter's eligibility.

13       B. When a person registers to vote or changes his or her  
14 registration in any manner to require a new voter identification  
15 card, or upon the eighteenth birthday of a person who has submitted  
16 a voter registration application pursuant to the provisions of  
17 subsection B of Section 4-103 of this title, the county election  
18 board secretary in the county of the voter's residence shall  
19 transmit the new voter identification card as acknowledgment of the  
20 transaction which may be the notice required in Section 4-103.1 of  
21 this title.

22       SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES  
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