

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3317

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending Section 1, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2015 and 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-110.1, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 2013 (26 O.S. Supp. 2019, Sections 14-108.1 and 14-110.1), which relate to absentee ballots; increasing maximum number of absentee ballots a notary may notarize; modifying requirements to vote absentee; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 14-108.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-108.1 A. Neither a notary public nor an agent working on behalf of a notary public shall be authorized to:

1. Request absentee ballots on behalf of a voter other than himself or herself;

2. Assist a voter in requesting absentee ballots, other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her household;

1 3. Receive by mail an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter,
2 other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her
3 household; or

4 4. Submit a completed absentee ballot on behalf of a voter
5 other than for himself or herself.

6 B. A notary public shall maintain a log of all absentee ballot
7 affidavits that he or she notarizes for a period of at least two (2)
8 years after the date of the election.

9 C. A notary public shall be authorized to notarize a maximum of
10 ~~twenty~~ one hundred fifty absentee ballot affidavits for a single
11 election. A notary public may be authorized to notarize more than
12 ~~twenty~~ one hundred fifty absentee ballot affidavits with the written
13 approval of the secretary of the county election board. The
14 limitation required by this subsection shall not apply to the
15 notarizing of ballots at the place of business of a notary public
16 during the normal business hours of the notary public; provided,
17 however, such limitations shall apply to any agency or other entity
18 that provides voter registration services as required by the
19 National Voter Registration Act of 1993 or by Sections 4-109.2 and
20 4-109.3 of this title.

21 D. If more than ten absentee ballots for a single election are
22 requested to be mailed to a single mailing address, the secretary of
23 the county election board shall immediately notify the district
24 attorney for that county and the Secretary of the State Election

1 Board. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to requests for
2 ballots to be sent to nursing homes, veterans centers, medical
3 facilities, multiunit housing, addresses of uniformed or overseas
4 voters as defined by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
5 Voting Act, or other locations authorized in writing by the
6 Secretary of the State Election Board.

7 E. The provisions of this section shall only apply to an
8 election conducted by a county election board or the State Election
9 Board.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-110.1, as
11 last amended by Section 5, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 2013 (26 O.S. Supp.
12 2019, Section 14-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 14-110.1 A registered voter who swears or affirms that
14 the voter is ~~physically~~ unable to vote in person at the precinct on
15 the day of the election because the voter is:

- 16 1. Physically incapacitated; ~~or~~
17 2. Charged with the care of another person who is physically
18 incapacitated and who cannot be left unattended;
19 3. Over the age of sixty (60) years; or
20 4. Issued a physical disability placard,

21 may apply for an absentee ballot. Such applications may be made by
22 United States mail, by facsimile device as defined by Section 1862
23 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or by a means of electronic
24 communication designated by the Secretary of the State Election

1 Board or may be made in person at the office of the county election
2 board by an agent of the voter. Such an agent shall be a person of
3 the voter's choosing who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and
4 who is not employed by or related within the third degree of
5 consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the
6 ballot. No person may be the agent for more than one voter at any
7 election. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe
8 a form to be used for the application, although any application
9 setting forth substantially the same facts shall be valid.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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