

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 1153

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; authorizing counties to
8 vote to make county elections nonpartisan; providing
9 for calling of elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
10 Section 5-105, which relates to registration of
11 political party; providing exceptions; providing for
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-104.1 of Title 26, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Each county of this state may vote on a proposition to have its
18 county officers and district attorneys elected at nonpartisan
19 elections. Such election shall be called by the board of county
20 commissioners upon receipt of a petition signed by registered voters
21 constituting not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes
22 cast in the county in the last General Election for the Office of
23 Governor, or such election may be called by the board of county
24 commissioners upon its own motion.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-105, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 5-105. A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a
4 political party to any state or county office, a person must have
5 been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period
6 immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed
7 by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall
8 not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party
9 which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the
10 first day of the filing period required by law. However, the
11 candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly
12 recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party
13 recognition. Provided further, this requirement shall not apply to
14 a candidate for county office or district attorney in a county that
15 has elected to have nonpartisan elections pursuant to Section 1 of
16 this act.

17 B. To file as an independent candidate for any state or county
18 office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent
19 for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the
20 filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.
21 Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for county
22 office or district attorney in a county that has elected to have
23 nonpartisan elections pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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