

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1578

By: Paxton of the Senate

3 and

4 Martinez of the House
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6 An Act relating to county commissioners; amending 19
7 O.S. 2021, Section 131.1, which relates to
8 qualifications for county office; omitting certain
9 registration and residency requirement within stated
10 time period; providing an effective date; and
11 declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 131.1, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 131.1. A. To file as a candidate for any county
16 office, ~~except as provided in subsection B of this section,~~ a person
17 must have been a registered voter and have maintained a current
18 principal residence within the county for the six-month period
19 immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed
20 by law.

21 B. To file as a candidate for the office of county
22 commissioner, a person must have been a registered voter within the
23 county commissioner district and have maintained a current principal
24 residence within such district for the six-month period immediately
preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

1 ~~Except, however, to file as a candidate for the office of county~~
2 ~~commissioner in 2022, a person must have been a registered voter~~
3 ~~within the county commissioner district and have maintained a~~
4 ~~current principal residence within such district no later than~~
5 ~~December 31, 2021.~~

6 C. For purposes of this section, evidence of a "principal
7 residence" may include, but not be limited to, the address listed
8 on:

- 9 1. A federal or state tax return;
- 10 2. A driver license; or
- 11 3. An automobile registration.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2022.

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