

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1357

By: Paxton of the Senate

and

Martinez of the House

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-105, which relates to candidate voter registration; removing deadlines for certain voter registration for candidates filing for office in certain elections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Candidate filing requirements

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-105, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-105. A. ~~Except as provided in subsection C of this section, to~~ To file as a candidate for nomination by a political party to any state or county office, a person must have been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.

B. ~~Except as provided in subsection C of this section, to~~ To file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the

six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.

~~C. To file as a candidate in 2022 for nomination by a political party for State Senator, State Representative, or County Commissioner for any regular or special election to be held after April 5, 2022, a person must have been a registered voter of the political party no later than December 31, 2021. To file as an independent candidate in 2022 for State Senator, State Representative, or County Commissioner for any regular or special election to be held after April 5, 2022, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent no later than December 31, 2021.~~

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

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

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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