

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 1578

 By: Paxton of the Senate

 and

 Martinez of the House

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9 An Act relating to county commissioners; amending 19
10 O.S. 2021, Section 131.1, which relates to
11 qualifications for county office; omitting certain
12 registration and residency requirement within stated
13 time period; providing an effective date; and
14 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

24 B. To file as a candidate for the office of county
 commissioner, a person must have been a registered voter within the

1 county commissioner district and have maintained a current principal
2 residence within such district for the six-month period immediately
3 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

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

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

- 12 1. A federal or state tax return;
- 13 2. A driver license; or
- 14 3. An automobile registration.

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

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

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated
22 04/05/2022 - DO PASS.
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