

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 5X

 By: Treat and Paxton of the
 Senate

6 and

7 McCall and Martinez of the
8 House

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11 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
12 Section 5-105, which relates to candidate voter
13 registration; specifying deadline for certain voter
14 registration for candidates filing for certain
15 offices for 2022 elections; and declaring an
16 emergency.

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

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

20 Section 5-105. A. ~~To~~ Except as provided in subsection C of
21 this section, to file as a candidate for nomination by a political
22 party to any state or county office, a person must have been a
23 registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately
24 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and,

1 under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to
2 a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains
3 recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the
4 filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be
5 required to have registered with the newly recognized party within
6 fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.

7 B. ~~To~~ Except as provided in subsection C of this section, to
8 file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a
9 person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the
10 six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing
11 period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.

12 C. To file as a candidate in 2022 for nomination by a political
13 party for State Senator, State Representative, or County
14 Commissioner for any regular or special election to be held after
15 April 5, 2022, a person must have been a registered voter of the
16 political party no later than December 31, 2021. To file as an
17 independent candidate in 2022 for State Senator, State
18 Representative, or County Commissioner for any regular or special
19 election to be held after April 5, 2022, a person must have been
20 registered to vote as an independent no later than December 31,
21 2021.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON STATE AND FEDERAL REDISTRICTING,
5 dated 11-18-2021 - DO PASS.

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