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February 16, 2022

SENATE BILL NO. 1578

By: Paxton of the Senate

and

Martinez of the House

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

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

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

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

B. To file as a candidate for the office of county commissioner, a person must have been a registered voter within the county commissioner district and have maintained a current principal

1 residence within such district for the six-month period immediately
2 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

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

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

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

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

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
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