

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4200

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to technology; enacting a new title; enacting the Digital ID Act; defining terms; prohibiting a requirement by the state agencies that benefits or entitlement only be attainable through use of smartphone, digital ID, or computer; directing that alternative methods of communication or validation of ID be available; prohibiting requiring digital ID to enter state buildings; providing that no person be denied access and function of the State Legislature because they do not have a digital ID; prohibiting requiring digital ID to access a court hearing; prohibiting financial burdens for lacking smartphone or mobile device; prohibiting cities, towns, and counties from requiring a smartphone or mobile device to receive benefits or access; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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1 shall include in such decennial statutes and supplements a new Title
2 75A, to be designated "Technology".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.1 of Title 75A, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Digital ID
7 Act".

8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.2 of Title 75A, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 As used in this act:

12 1. "Digital ID" means an electronic representation of an
13 individual's identity card or driver license; and

14 2. "Smartphone" or "Mobile device" means any device that has the
15 capability to connect to the Internet or communicate with other
16 cellular devices. The term shall not include other types of phones
17 such as traditional landlines.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.3 of Title 75A, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 No person who resides within the State of Oklahoma shall be
22 required to own, operate, or in any way communicate with any state
23 agency or department using only a smartphone, mobile device, or
24 computer in order to receive benefits or entitlements that the

1 person would otherwise be eligible for. An alternate method of
2 communication or validation must be provided, such as in-person
3 meeting, correspondence through the United States Postal Service, or
4 by traditional telephone communications.

5 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.4 of Title 75A, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 No person shall be denied access to any state building, agency,
9 or department of the state that is responsible for providing the
10 person with entitlements and/or benefits including applying for a
11 driver license or state issued ID merely because the person does not
12 possess or use a digital ID.

13 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.5 of Title 75A, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 No person shall be denied access to any function of the State
17 Legislature merely because the person does not possess or use a
18 digital ID.

19 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.6 of Title 75A, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 No person shall be denied access to a court hearing merely
23 because the person does not possess or use a digital ID.
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1 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.7 of Title 75A, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 No person shall be financially burdened in any manner merely
5 because they do not have or use a smartphone or mobile device when
6 interacting with a state agency in order to receive a benefit or
7 entitlement. Further, no person shall be financially burdened to
8 attend any function of the Legislature or court proceeding merely
9 because the do not have or use a smartphone or mobile device.

10 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10.8 of Title 75A, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 No city, town, or county within the jurisdiction of the State of
14 Oklahoma shall require a person to have or own a smartphone, mobile
15 device, or computer for the purpose of the person obtaining a
16 benefit or entitlement the person may otherwise be eligible for or
17 in order to attend any meeting held by the town, city, or county.

18 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

19 SECTION 11. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.