

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE BILL 1820

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; creating the Election Notary Accountability Act; providing short title; requiring notary public to submit copy of receipt book to county election board within certain time frame; establishing misdemeanor offense; imposing certain fine; subjecting notaries public to investigation for election fraud under certain circumstances; requiring certain referral to district attorney; providing for codification; and providing effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-108.2 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Election Notary Accountability Act".

B. On or after the effective date of this act, within thirty (30) days after an election, each notary public shall submit a copy of his or her notary receipt book covering the ninety (90) days preceding the election to the county election board of the notary's residency for verification of the number of ballots notarized by the

1 notary public. A notary public who does not comply with the
2 requirements of this section shall be, upon conviction, guilty of a
3 misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars
4 (\$500.00) per instance.

5 C. A notary public who intentionally provides a false copy of
6 the notary receipt book shall be subject to prosecution for election
7 fraud. If the county election board determines that a notary has
8 notarized more than the authorized number of ballots or violated any
9 other provision of this act, the board shall notify the district
10 attorney who shall investigate any possible criminal violation.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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