

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2056

By: Roberts

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An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-120.1, which relates to cancelation of voter registration; providing time limit for resubmission of canceled registration; amending Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 6-104.1), which relates to ballots; authorizing printing of additional ballots under certain circumstance; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-104, which relates to hours for voting; prohibiting vote centers on election day; defining term; providing exceptions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-120.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-120.1 A. A registered voter may have his or her name removed from the voter registration database by executing a written notice for same to the Secretary of the State Election Board or any county election board. Such written notice shall be personally signed by the voter and either shall be notarized or shall be

1 witnessed by two persons whose names and addresses shall be included
2 on the notice.

3 B. Any voter who voluntarily cancels his or her voter
4 registration as provided in this section shall be eligible to submit
5 a new voter registration application in the same county when sixty
6 (60) or more calendar days have passed since the submission of the
7 request for cancellation.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L.
9 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 6-104.1), is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 Section 6-104.1 A. All ballots used for any election shall be
12 printed on paper to ensure a fair and accurate count; provided, each
13 precinct polling place and in-person absentee voting location shall
14 provide a means for any voter who requires assistance by reason of
15 blindness, disability, or inability to read or write to cast a
16 ballot privately and independently, in a manner to be determined by
17 the Secretary of the State Election Board.

18 B. 1. Ballots for each election day precinct shall be printed
19 in advance of the date of the election. Provided, the Secretary of
20 the State Election Board may authorize the printing of additional
21 ballots on election day in the event of a ballot shortage or due to
22 an emergency or unforeseen circumstance as described in Section 22-
23 101 of this title.
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1 2. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the printing or
2 marking of ballots for persons with blindness, disability, or
3 inability to read or write as provided in subsection A of this
4 section.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-104, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 7-104. A. At every Primary, Runoff Primary and General
8 Election and any other election conducted by a county election
9 board, each polling place in the state shall open at 7:00 a.m. and
10 shall remain open continuously until 7:00 p.m., and every registered
11 voter of a precinct who presents himself between said hours shall be
12 entitled to vote, as provided by law, provided further, all
13 qualified voters who are in line waiting to vote at 7:00 p.m. shall
14 be allowed to vote.

15 B. 1. A registered voter wishing to vote on election day shall
16 appear at the polling place for his or her assigned precinct.

17 2. Neither the State Election Board nor any county election
18 board shall utilize vote centers for voting on election day. For
19 the purposes of this section "vote center" means a place where any
20 voter in the entire jurisdiction can vote on election day,
21 regardless of the voter's precinct assignment. Provided, an
22 exception to this requirement may be authorized for a county
23 election board by the Secretary of the State Election Board in the
24 event of an emergency as described in Section 22-101 of this title.

1 The emergency use of a countywide vote center must be limited to the
2 precincts directly impacted by the emergency.

3 3. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use of
4 subprecincts as described in Section 3-119 of this title, nor shall
5 it prohibit the assignment of precinct officials to serve more than
6 one precinct, if authorized by law, if the precincts share the same
7 election day polling place.

8 C. If any provision of federal law specifies hours for voting
9 in federal elections, the Secretary of the State Election Board
10 shall direct the county election boards to allow voting in all
11 elections held on the same day as such federal elections during the
12 hours specified by federal law.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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