

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 18, 2023

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB677

By: Treat of the Senate and Miller of the House


Title: Declarations of Candidacy; requiring confidentiality of certain information; requiring submission of certain form with declarations of candidacy for certain offices. Emergency.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:

  
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Howard  
  
Daniels

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Gollihare

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HOUSE CONFEREES:

Conference Committee on Rules

Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOUSE CONFEREES**

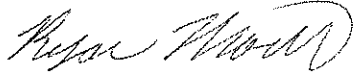
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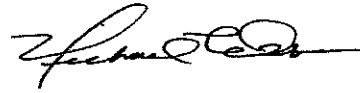
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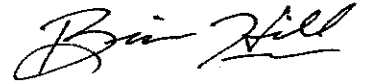
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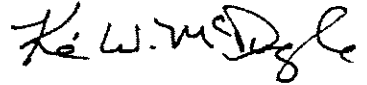
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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENTS

2 TO

3 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 677

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10 information; requiring certain form be included with  
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12 information to certain persons for specified  
13 purposes; requiring candidate to submit certain form  
14 with declaration of candidacy; specifying information  
15 to be included on certain form; exempting candidates  
16 for federal office from certain requirements;  
17 requiring Secretary of State Election Board to  
18 prescribe certain form; and declaring an emergency.

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22 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, Lines 6 through 11 1/2, strike the title  
23 to read as follows:

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"[ elections - declaration of candidacy forms -  
confidentiality of information - release of  
information - exemption of candidates for federal  
office from requirements - Secretary of the State  
Election Board -  
emergency ]"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 5, Section 1, Line 3 1/2, insert the  
2 following language:

3 "G. The State Election Board shall make all voter registration  
4 information necessary to file available to candidates during the  
5 candidate filing period."

6 and amend title to conform

7 Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2023.

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10 Presiding Officer of the House of  
11 Representatives

12 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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17 prescribe certain form; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-111, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 5-111. A. Forms to be used for filing Declarations of  
22 Candidacy shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election  
23 Board and shall contain the following information:

- 24 1. The name of the candidate as it shall appear on the ballot;
2. The legal name of the candidate;
3. The candidate's place of residence and mailing address,  
which shall be kept confidential as provided in subsection B of this  
section;

1        4. The name of the office sought;

2        5. The candidate's date of birth;

3        6. The party affiliation of the candidate seeking political  
4 party nomination;

5        7. The precinct and county wherein the candidate is a  
6 registered voter;

7        8. A voter registration verification form as provided in  
8 subsection C of this section;

9        9. An oath wherein the candidate swears or affirms that he or  
10 she is qualified to become a candidate for the office sought, and  
11 that, if elected, the candidate will be qualified to hold the  
12 office; and

13        ~~9.~~ 10. Any additional information which the Secretary deems  
14 necessary.

15        B. The address of residence and the mailing address of a  
16 candidate provided on a Declaration of Candidacy shall be verified  
17 by the secretary of the election board with whom the Declaration was  
18 filed and shall be kept confidential; provided, however, such  
19 address information shall be provided to a candidate, candidate  
20 representative, or other lawful authority in anticipation of or as  
21 part of a contest of candidacy or contest of an election as provided  
22 for in this title or as part of a petition challenge as provided by  
23 law.

1       C. 1. Prior to filing a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate  
2 shall obtain a voter registration verification form from the  
3 secretary of the election board with whom the candidate is required  
4 to file. The candidate shall provide the form with the Declaration  
5 of Candidacy.

6       2. A voter registration verification form shall include:

- 7           a. the candidate's name, date of birth, address of  
8 residence, party affiliation, voter identification  
9 number, the precinct and county where the candidate is  
10 registered, and the original date of voter  
11 registration within the county, if available, and  
12           b. the districts in which the candidate is registered to  
13 vote including but not limited to state senator and  
14 representative, county commissioner, school and  
15 technology center, and municipality. If applicable, a  
16 ward or member district shall be included for the  
17 school or technology center district or municipality.

18       3. The secretary of the election board with whom the candidate  
19 is required to file shall only accept a Declaration of Candidacy if  
20 the information contained on the voter registration verification  
21 form matches the information provided on the Declaration of  
22 Candidacy, and if such Declaration meets all other requirements of  
23 state law.  
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1        4. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to  
2 candidates for federal office.

3        5. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe  
4 the voter registration verification form required by this  
5 subsection.

6        D. If the candidate has ever been ultimately determined by a  
7 court of proper authority to be guilty of an offense specified in  
8 subsection A of Section 5-105a of this title or at the time of  
9 filing the Declaration of Candidacy is named in an outstanding  
10 warrant for arrest for such an offense, in this or any other state,  
11 the candidate shall provide the following information on a form  
12 prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board:

13        1. The name of the offense;

14        2. The date of conviction or issuance of the outstanding  
15 warrant; and

16        3. The county and state of conviction or issuance of the  
17 outstanding warrant.

18        The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an offense  
19 for which the candidate has received a pardon.

20        ~~C.~~ E. A Declaration of Candidacy form must be signed by the  
21 candidate, and the signature must be properly notarized by a notary  
22 public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths.

23        ~~D.~~ F. In addition to the information required by this section,  
24 a candidate may include a telephone number, email address and

1 website address. Such additional information shall not be required  
2 of any candidate but if provided shall be made available to the  
3 public.

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

8 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2023.

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11 Presiding Officer of the Senate

12 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 2023.

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