

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2056

By: Roberts

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8                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9           An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,  
10       Section 4-120.1, which relates to cancelation of  
11       voter registration; providing time limit for  
12       resubmission of canceled registration; amending  
13       Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp.  
14       2022, Section 6-104.1), which relates to ballots;  
15       authorizing printing of additional ballots under  
16       certain circumstance; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section  
17       7-104, which relates to hours for voting; prohibiting  
18       vote centers on election day; defining term;  
19       providing exceptions; and providing an effective  
20       date.

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

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

24       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.

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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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated  
16 02/15/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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