

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1700

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to voter registration; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-115.2, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-115.2), which relates to confidentiality of residence and mailing address; adding class of persons allowed to make certain application; defining term; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-115.2, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-115.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-115.2. A. 1. The Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized to promulgate rules to keep confidential the residence and mailing address, upon application to do so, of individual registered voters who are members of certain classes as described in paragraph 2 of this subsection.

2. Classes shall be limited to the judiciary, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, Uniformed Services members, law enforcement personnel and the immediate family of law

1 enforcement personnel, correctional officers, the secretary,  
2 assistant secretary, employees, and members of a county election  
3 board or the State Election Board, persons who are protected by  
4 victim's protection orders, journalists, the spouses and dependents  
5 of the members of such classes, and persons who are certified by the  
6 Secretary of State as participants in the Address Confidentiality  
7 Program established by Section 60.14 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes.

9 3. Such address information shall be provided to a candidate or  
10 candidate representative or other lawful authority in anticipation  
11 or as part of a contest of candidacy or contest of an election as  
12 provided for in this title or as part of a petition challenge as  
13 provided by law. However, no information concerning the address of  
14 a certified Address Confidentiality Program participant shall be  
15 released by election officials to any person for any purpose except  
16 under court order.

17 B. As used in this section, ~~"immediate family of law~~  
18 ~~enforcement personnel":~~

19 1. "Immediate family of law enforcement personnel" means a  
20 spouse, child by birth or adoption, stepchild or parent living at  
21 the same residence as the law enforcement personnel; and

22 2. "Journalist" means any person who is a reporter,  
23 photographer, editor, commentator, correspondent, announcer, or  
24 other individual regularly engaged in obtaining, writing, reviewing,

1 editing, or otherwise preparing news for any newspaper, periodical,  
2 press association, newspaper syndicate, wire service, radio or  
3 television station, or other news service. Any individual employed  
4 by any such news service in the performance of any such activities  
5 shall be deemed to be regularly engaged in such activities.

6 However, the term journalist shall not include any governmental  
7 entity or individual employed by such entity engaged in official  
8 governmental information activities.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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