

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2344

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; establishing procedures for voters with a disability to request ballot; providing for ballot and balloting materials to be sent via electronic transmission; providing for transmission and return of ballot by certain time; providing for codification; and providing an 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 14-201 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall establish procedures with the same security measures as used in the submission of ballots from military and overseas voters to enable a voter with a disability to independently and privately mark a mail ballot or use an electronic voting device that produces a paper record using nonvisual access, low vision access or other assistive technology in order for the voter to vote in a mail ballot election pursuant to Section 14-108 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The procedures

shall include an accessible method, to be determined by the Secretary, by which a voter with a disability may request such a ballot.

B. Upon receipt of the ballot application by a voter with a disability, the secretary of the county election board shall transmit the ballot and balloting materials to the voter by electronic transmission.

C. If a ballot application from a voter with a disability arrives after the jurisdiction begins transmitting ballots and balloting materials to voters, the secretary of the county election board shall transmit the ballot and balloting materials to the voter within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the application.

D. A voter with a disability who receives a ballot pursuant to this section shall:

1. Return the ballot via electronic transmission to the county election board; or

2. Print the ballot and return it to the county election board via United States Postal Service or hand-delivery.

Such ballot shall be received by the county election board before the close of polls on the day of the election.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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