

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE BILL 2145

By: McDugle

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; repealing 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-121, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 4-121), which relates to the multistate voter list maintenance organizations; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Sections 7-102.1 and 7-117, which relate to conduct of elections; removing use of electronic precinct registries by county election boards; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. REPEALER 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-121, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 4-121), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-102.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-102.1 ~~A.~~ Prior to the day of the election, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the county election board to prepare for each precinct where an election is to be held in the county, a ~~written or electronic~~ precinct registry which shall contain information on all registered voters in the precinct as prescribed

by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The information which is or would be contained in such a registry shall at all times be public information.

~~B. The Secretary of the State Election Board may authorize the use of electronic precinct registries by one or more county election boards. Subject to available funding, the Secretary may purchase any equipment and software necessary to implement an electronic precinct registry system. The Secretary shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement, operate and maintain security for a system of electronic precinct registries.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-117, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-117. ~~A.~~ Persons who have been determined to be eligible to vote shall sign, in the presence of the clerk, the proper precinct registry. The clerk shall then issue proper ballots to the person. The voter's signature on the precinct registry shall be the best evidence of the voter's having voted at said election.

~~B.~~ Precinct registries ~~including data from electronic precinct registries,~~ shall be retained by the county election board for a period of twenty-four (24) months following the election and shall be subject to public inspection.

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

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