

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3584

By: Pae

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; creating the None of These Candidates Act; requiring certain additional line on ballots after names of candidates; providing for only named candidates to be counted; requiring sample ballots include certain instruction; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "None of These Candidates Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-121 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Notwithstanding any other law, every ballot upon which appears the names of any candidates for office or for President and Vice President of the United States shall contain for each office an additional line equivalent to the lines on which the candidates'

1 names appear and placed at the end of the group of lines containing  
2 the names of the candidates for that office. Each additional line  
3 shall contain a square in which the voter may express a choice of  
4 that line in the same manner as the voter would express a choice of  
5 a candidate, and the line shall read "None of these candidates".

6 B. Only votes cast for the named candidates shall be counted in  
7 determining nomination or election to any office or presidential  
8 nominations or the selection of presidential electors, but for each  
9 office the number of ballots on which the additional line was chosen  
10 shall be listed following the names of the candidates and the number  
11 of their votes in every posting, abstract, and proclamation of the  
12 results of the election.

13 C. Every sample ballot or other instruction to voters  
14 prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the State Election Board  
15 shall clearly explain that the voter may mark the choice of the line  
16 "None of these candidates" only if the voter has not voted for any  
17 candidate for the office.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2025.

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