

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 1013

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; creating the Election Notary Accountability Act; providing short title; requiring notary public to submit copy of log to county election board within certain time period; establishing misdemeanor offense; imposing certain fine; subjecting notaries public to investigation for election fraud under certain circumstances; requiring certain referral to district attorney; requiring investigation under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and providing 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 14-108.2 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Election Notary Accountability Act".

B. On or after the effective date of this act, within thirty (30) days after an election, each notary public shall submit a copy of his or her notary log required pursuant to subsection B of Section 14-108.1 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes covering the ninety (90) days preceding the election to the county election board

1 of the notary's residency for verification of the number of ballots
2 notarized by the notary public. A notary public who does not comply
3 with the requirements of this section shall be, upon conviction,
4 guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed Five
5 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per instance.

6 C. A notary public who intentionally provides a false copy of
7 the notary log shall be subject to prosecution for election fraud.
8 If the county election board determines that a notary has notarized
9 more than the authorized number of ballots or violated any other
10 provision of this act, the board shall notify the district attorney
11 who shall investigate any possible criminal violation.

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

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