

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3543 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Neil Hays

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

PROPOSED POLICY
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3543

By: Hays

PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 1-102, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-102), which relates to primary elections; modifying primary election date; providing a supplemental primary election for newly recognized political parties; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-110, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 5-110), which relates to candidate filing periods; establishing a December filing period for statewide elected positions; providing a supplemental filing date for candidates of newly recognized political parties; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-119, which relates to time for filing contest; clarifying period for contest; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103, which relates to certificates of election; identifying parties to certify list of successful candidates for certain offices; clarifying when certificates of elections may be issued to unopposed candidates; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 1-102, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-102), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1-102. A. A Primary Election shall be held on the
2 third Tuesday in ~~June~~ March of each even-numbered year, at which
3 time each political party recognized by the laws of this state shall
4 nominate its candidates for the offices to be filled at the next
5 succeeding General Election unless otherwise provided by law. No
6 candidate's name shall be printed upon the General Election ballot
7 unless such candidate shall have been nominated as herein provided,
8 unless otherwise provided by law; provided further that this
9 provision shall not exclude the right of a nonpartisan candidate to
10 have his or her name printed upon the General Election ballots. No
11 county, municipality or school district shall schedule an election
12 on any date during the twenty (20) days immediately preceding the
13 date of any such primary election.

14 B. A Primary Election shall be held on the third Tuesday in
15 June of each even-numbered presidential election year for any newly
16 recognized parties that were not recognized in time to select a
17 candidate at the Primary Election to be held on the third Tuesday in
18 March of that year.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-110, as
20 amended by Section 3, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025,
21 Section 5-110), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 5-110. A. Declarations of Candidacy provided herein
23 must be filed with the secretary of the appropriate election board
24 no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday of December of any

1 odd-numbered year and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding
2 Wednesday.

3 B. For newly recognized political parties formed pursuant to
4 the provisions of Section 1-108 of this title, Declarations of
5 Candidacy provided herein must be filed with the secretary of the
6 appropriate election board no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the first
7 Wednesday of April of any even-numbered year and no later than 5:00
8 p.m. on the next succeeding Friday.

9 C. Such Declarations of Candidacy may be transmitted by United
10 States mail, but in no event shall the secretary of any election
11 board accept such Declarations after the time prescribed by law.

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-119, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 5-119. The petition must be filed no later than 5:00
15 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the filing
16 period during which the candidate filed.

17 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 8-103. A. 1. The county election board secretary
20 shall certify a list of successful candidates for county offices and
21 shall provide Certificates of Election to the same following the
22 General Election, ~~except that;~~ and

23 2. Provided, Certificates of Election may be issued to
24 unopposed candidates after 5 p.m. on the second day following the

1 close of the filing period for new political parties described in
2 subsection B of section 5-110 of this title.

3 B. The State Election Board secretary shall certify a list of
4 successful candidates for offices for which the ~~Board~~ secretary
5 accepts filings of Declarations of Candidacy and shall provide
6 Certificates of Election to the same following the General Election,
7 except that Certificates of Election may be issued to unopposed
8 candidates after 5 p.m. on the second day following the close of the
9 filing period for new political parties described in subsection B of
10 section 5-110 of this title.

11 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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