

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2938

7 By: Olsen

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
10 Section 14-137, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 78,
11 O.S.L. 2024 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 14-137),
12 which relates to definitions used in the Uniform
13 Military and Overseas Voters Act; modifying the
14 definition of covered voter to include an intent to
15 return and clarifying they were a bona fide resident
16 of Oklahoma; limiting voting for persons born outside
17 of Oklahoma and have never been a bona fide resident;
18 and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-137, as
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 78, O.S.L. 2024 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025,
22 Section 14-137), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 14-137. As used in the Uniform Military and Overseas
24 Voters Act:

1. "Covered voter" means:

- a. a uniformed-service voter or an overseas voter who is
registered to vote in this state,

1 b. a uniformed-service voter defined in subparagraph a of
2 paragraph 9 of this section, whose voting residence is
3 in this state and who otherwise satisfies this state's
4 voter eligibility requirements,

5 c. an overseas voter who, before leaving the United
6 States with an intent to return, was a bona fide
7 resident of Oklahoma and last eligible to vote in this
8 state and, except for a state residency requirement,
9 otherwise satisfies this state's voter eligibility
10 requirements, or

11 d. an overseas voter who, before leaving the United
12 States with an intent to return and was a bona fide
13 resident of Oklahoma, would have been last eligible to
14 vote in this state had the voter then been of voting
15 age and, except for a state residency requirement,
16 otherwise satisfies this state's voter eligibility
17 requirements, ~~or~~

18 ~~e. an overseas voter who was born outside the United~~
19 ~~States, is not described in subparagraph c or d of~~
20 ~~this paragraph, and, except for a state residency~~
21 ~~requirement, otherwise satisfies this state's voter~~
22 ~~eligibility requirements, if:~~

23 ~~(1) the last place where a parent or legal guardian~~
24 ~~of the voter was, or under the Uniform Military~~

1 ~~and Overseas Voters Act would have been, eligible~~
2 ~~to vote before leaving the United States is~~
3 ~~within this state, and~~

4 ~~(2) the voter has not previously registered to vote~~
5 ~~in any other state;~~

6 2. "Dependent" means an individual recognized as a dependent by
7 a uniformed service;

8 3. "Federal postcard application" means the application
9 prescribed under Section 101(b)(2) of the Uniformed and Overseas
10 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff(b)(2);

11 4. "Federal write-in absentee ballot" means the ballot
12 described in Section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
13 Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff-2;

14 5. "Military-overseas ballot" means:

- 15 a. a federal write-in absentee ballot,
- 16 b. a ballot specifically prepared or distributed for use
17 by a covered voter in accordance with Section 14-136
18 et seq. of this title, or
- 19 c. a ballot cast by a covered voter in accordance with
20 the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;

21 6. "Overseas voter" means a United States citizen who is
22 outside the United States;

23 7. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
24 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any

1 territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the
2 United States;

3 8. "Uniformed service" means:

4 a. active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air
5 Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard of
6 the United States,

7 b. the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the
8 Public Health Service, or the commissioned corps of
9 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of
10 the United States, or

11 c. the National Guard and state militia;

12 9. "Uniformed-service voter" means an individual who is
13 qualified to vote and is:

14 a. a member of the active or reserve components of the
15 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or
16 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active
17 duty,

18 b. a member of the Merchant Marine, the commissioned
19 corps of the Public Health Service, or the
20 commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and
21 Atmospheric Administration of the United States,

22 c. a member on activated status of the National Guard or
23 state militia, or

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1 d. a spouse or dependent of a member referred to in this
2 paragraph; and

3 10. "United States", used in the territorial sense, means the
4 several states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United
5 States Virgin Islands, and any territory or insular possession
6 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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