

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3787

6 By: Chapman

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 [elections - non-qualified electors - registration
9 requirements for candidates - qualified electors -
10 board of education - technology center school
11 district - codification - effective date]

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-115 of Title 11, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 No person who is not a qualified elector as described in Section
19 1 of Article III of the Oklahoma Constitution may file as a
20 candidate for any municipal office. Such persons shall also be
21 prohibited from appointment to any municipal office.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-105, as
23 amended by Section 1, Chapter 43, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2025,
24 Section 5-105), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5-105. A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a
2 political party to any state or county office, a person must have
3 been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period
4 immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed
5 by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall
6 not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party
7 which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the
8 first day of the filing period required by law. However, the
9 candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly
10 recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party
11 recognition.

12 B. To file as an independent candidate for any state or county
13 office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent
14 for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the
15 filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.

16 C. To file as a candidate under either subsection A or B of
17 this section, a candidate must be a qualified elector as described
18 in Section 1 of Article III of the Oklahoma Constitution.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13A-112 of Title 26, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 No person may be elected to, or serve on, a board of education
23 of a school district or technology center school district who is not
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1 a qualified elector as described in Section 1 of Article III of the
2 Oklahoma Constitution.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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