

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4434

7 By: Hilbert

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to state government; requiring
10 certain notification to successor; requiring
11 notification to indicate start of absence and
12 anticipated return; directing notice to be made
13 twenty-four hours before absence except for
14 emergencies; providing for codification; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8.20 of Title 74, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 Notification, as provided in this section, shall be required
21 when the Governor is absent from the state. Except in the event of
22 an emergency, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Governor
23 being absent from the state, the Governor shall provide electronic
24 notification to the Lieutenant Governor of his or her plans to be
absent from the state, indicating the start date and time and the

1 anticipated return date and time in such notification. The
2 notification required by this section shall also be required of the
3 acting Governor, when he or she is absent from the state, and follow
4 the line of succession provided in Section 15 of Article VI of the
5 Oklahoma Constitution or as may be provided by law. In the event of
6 an emergency, notice shall be provided prior to being absent from
7 the state.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 11, 2027.

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