

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3787

By: Chapman and **Sneed** of the  
House

and

**McIntosh** of the Senate

11                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12                   [ elections - non-qualified electors - registration  
13                   requirements for candidates - qualified electors -  
14                   board of education - technology center school  
15                   district - codification - effective date ]

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

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

22                   No person who is not a qualified elector as described in Section  
23 1 of Article III of the Oklahoma Constitution may file as a  
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1 candidate for any municipal office. Such persons shall also be  
2 prohibited from appointment to any municipal office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/25/2026 - DO PASS,  
11 As Amended and Coauthored.

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