

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 1153

By: Grego

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; authorizing counties to  
8 vote to make county elections nonpartisan; providing  
9 for calling of elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,  
10 Section 5-105, which relates to registration of  
11 political party; providing exceptions; providing for  
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-104.1 of Title 26, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Each county of this state may vote on a proposition to have its  
18 county officers and district attorneys elected at nonpartisan  
19 elections. Such election shall be called by the board of county  
20 commissioners upon receipt of a petition signed by registered voters  
21 constituting not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes  
22 cast in the county in the last General Election for the Office of  
23 Governor, or such election may be called by the board of county  
24 commissioners upon its own motion.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 5-105, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

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

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 Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for county  
22 office or district attorney in a county that has elected to have  
23 nonpartisan elections pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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