

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1259
Version:	Proposed Committee Substitute 1
Request Number:	7754
Author:	Rep. Hilbert
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Impact:	State Election Board: \$0

Research Analysis

The PCS for HB 1259 allows a voter to take a picture of his or her marked ballot, or marked absentee ballot, and share or distribute it. The bill makes it a misdemeanor:

- to threaten or intimidate a voter who has shared an image of a marked ballot,
- to share an image of a marked ballot in order to intimidate or coerce another voter, or
- for any person with authority or influence over another to require that individual to share an image of his or her marked ballot.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1259 in its current form, provides the ability for voters to take and share photographs of completed ballots. The State Election Board anticipates no fiscal impact as a result of HB 1259 in its current form. The measure is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the state budget or state revenues

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Other Considerations

HB 1259 creates two misdemeanors. The measure does not specify a fine or punishment for such misdemeanors; therefor, such punishment will be governed by Title 21 O.S. Section 10, which provides such punishment to be imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year and/or a fine not exceeding \$500.