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Research Analysis

Floor amendment 1 to SB677 requires the State Election Board to create a pre-filled form with all existing voter registration information required to file for office. The form must be available on the Oklahoma Voter Portal and the State Election Board must make resources available to print the form in the places where candidates file for office. The form must be waived if election resources are not available to confirm details any time during the candidate filing period.

SB 677 provides that a candidate's place of residence and mailing address will be kept confidential and requires a voter registration verification form be submitted in the declaration of candidacy. The address of residence and the mailing address provided on the declaration of candidacy must be verified by the secretary of the election board with whom the Declaration was provided and must be kept confidential, however the information must be provided in anticipation of or as part of a contest of candidacy or content of an election. Prior to filling out a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate must obtain a voter registration verification form from the secretary that the candidate files with. The verification form must include the candidate's voter information including party affiliation, voter identification number, precinct and county where the voter is registered and the original date of voter registration, if available, as well as all districts where the candidate is registered to vote. The secretary of the election board must only accept a Declaration of Candidacy if the information in the voter registration verification matches the Declaration of Candidacy and all other requirements are met. The Secretary of the State Election Board will prescribe the voter registration verification form. These provisions will not apply to candidates for federal office.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to SB 677 requires the State Election Board (SEB) to create a pre-filled form with all existing voter registration information required to file for office. Per the SEB, this amendment would create an unknown fiscal impact to the agency due to a potential need to provide additional equipment to the County Election Boards and programming costs to create the pre-filled form.

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Other Considerations

None.

