

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3636

By: McDugle

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; repealing 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-121, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-121), which relates to the multistate voter list maintenance organizations; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Sections 7-102.1 and 7-117, which relate to conduct of elections; removing use of electronic precinct registries by county election boards; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. REPEALER 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-121, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 2023 (26 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-121), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-102.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-102.1 ~~A.~~ Prior to the day of the election, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the county election board to prepare for each precinct where an election is to be held in the county, a ~~written or electronic~~ precinct registry which shall contain information on all registered voters in the precinct as prescribed

1 by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The information which
2 is or would be contained in such a registry shall at all times be
3 public information.

4 ~~B. The Secretary of the State Election Board may authorize the~~
5 ~~use of electronic precinct registries by one or more county election~~
6 ~~boards. Subject to available funding, the Secretary may purchase~~
7 ~~any equipment and software necessary to implement an electronic~~
8 ~~precinct registry system. The Secretary shall promulgate rules as~~
9 ~~necessary to implement, operate and maintain security for a system~~
10 ~~of electronic precinct registries.~~

11 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-117, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 7-117. ~~A.~~ Persons who have been determined to be
14 eligible to vote shall sign, in the presence of the clerk, the
15 proper precinct registry. The clerk shall then issue proper ballots
16 to the person. The voter's signature on the precinct registry shall
17 be the best evidence of the voter's having voted at said election.

18 ~~B.~~ Precinct registries ~~including data from electronic precinct~~
19 ~~registries,~~ shall be retained by the county election board for a
20 period of twenty-four (24) months following the election and shall
21 be subject to public inspection.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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