

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1456 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: David Hardin _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1456

By: Hardin

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to elections; permitting a registered
10 candidate or voter to bring proper action for the
11 enforcement of election laws; requiring written
12 demand; providing a time frame for written demand;
13 providing a time frame within which a civil suit must
14 be filed; directing for thirty percent of meritorious
15 claims to be awarded; directing for certain fees be
16 recoverable by the registered candidate or voter;
17 defining registered candidate or voter; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-127 of Title 26, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. A registered candidate or voter, as defined by subsection D
24 of this section, upon the refusal, failure, or neglect of a proper
officer of the state, county, city, district, or political
subdivision thereof to institute or diligently prosecute proper

1 proceedings for the enforcement of state election laws, may in the
2 name of the State of Oklahoma as plaintiff, after serving a written
3 demand as described in subsection B of this section to the proper
4 officer, institute and maintain any proper action that the proper
5 officer might institute and maintain for the enforcement of civil
6 fines or punishments or other declaratory, equitable, or injunctive
7 relief.

8 B. Civil actions filed by a registered candidate or voter for
9 the enforcement of state election laws can only be brought if the
10 written demand upon the proper officer is made by the registered
11 candidate or voter within one (1) year of the discovery of evidence
12 that a violation of state election laws has been committed, and the
13 civil suit is filed within six (6) months following the refusal,
14 failure, or neglect of the proper officer to act upon the written
15 demand.

16 C. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines the claims
17 to be meritorious, any fines or other compensation awarded shall be
18 paid to the State of Oklahoma with thirty percent (30%) of any such
19 award paid in compensation to the registered candidate or voter
20 instituting the action. Upon entry of a judgment in favor of the
21 plaintiff, the registered candidate or voter shall be entitled to
22 recover reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in the
23 prosecution of the action.

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1 D. The term "registered candidate or voter" shall mean a
2 registered candidate or voter of the State of Oklahoma or such
3 county, city, district, or political subdivision thereof who is
4 affected by a violation of state election laws.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025

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