

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1515 \_\_\_\_\_  
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: Molly Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_

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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. 1515

By: Jenkins

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,  
10 Section 14-105, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 292,  
11 O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 14-105),  
12 which relates to applications for absentee ballots;  
13 requiring statement listing reason why voter cannot  
14 vote in person on election day; directing certain  
15 registered voters to indicate date for which they are  
16 requesting an absentee ballot; providing for  
17 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-105, as  
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 292, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
21 Section 14-105), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 14-105. A. Any registered voter may apply for an  
23 absentee ballot in person at the county election board, by United  
24 States mail, by facsimile device as defined in Section 1862 of Title  
21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or by a means of electronic  
communication designated by the Secretary of the State Election

1 Board. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe a  
2 form to be used for the application, although any application  
3 setting forth substantially the same facts shall be valid.

4 B. 1. A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot by  
5 means of electronic communication shall provide his or her name,  
6 birth date, an identification number, and other information as may  
7 be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The  
8 name, birth date, and identification number provided on the  
9 application must match the name, birth date, and identification  
10 number in the voter registration record in order to apply for an  
11 absentee ballot pursuant to this subsection.

12 2. If the voter does not recall which identification number he  
13 or she included in the voter registration record, the voter may  
14 provide multiple identification numbers, at least one of which must  
15 match the identification number in the voter registration record if  
16 such record included an identification number. If the name, birth  
17 date, or any identification number provided does not match the voter  
18 registration record, the voter shall be informed of the failure to  
19 match the voter registration record and shall be provided  
20 information and instruction to contact the county election board.

21 3. If the voter registration record on file with the county  
22 election board does not contain a birth date or identification  
23 number, the voter shall not be eligible to apply for an absentee  
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1 ballot by means of electronic communication but may apply for an  
2 absentee ballot pursuant to subsection C of this section.

3 4. Identifying information such as birth date and  
4 identification number shall not be modified online in an existing  
5 voter registration except as provided in Section 4-109.4 of this  
6 title.

7 5. No later than January 1, 2023, a registered voter applying  
8 for an absentee ballot pursuant to this subsection who meets the  
9 criteria provided in Section 7-115.1 of this title shall be required  
10 to confirm his or her address prior to submitting an application for  
11 absentee ballot by means of electronic communication.

12 6. Registered voters applying for an absentee ballot by any  
13 means must also provide a statement declaring why they are unable to  
14 vote either early in-person absentee or on election day due to one  
15 of the following reasons:

- 16 a. absent from the jurisdiction,
- 17 b. illness or disability,
- 18 c. employment-related,
- 19 d. education-related,
- 20 e. military service,
- 21 f. religion,
- 22 g. serving as an election official,
- 23 h. seventy-five (75) years of age or older, or
- 24 i. serving on jury duty.

1        7. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe a  
2 form to be used for the statement required by paragraph 6 of this  
3 subsection. Failure to submit this statement will result in the  
4 denial of the application.

5        C. 1. A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot in  
6 person, by United States mail, or by facsimile device shall provide  
7 his or her name, birth date, an identification number, and other  
8 information as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the State  
9 Election Board. The name, birth date, and identification number  
10 provided on the application must match the name, birth date, and  
11 identification number in the voter registration record.

12        2. If the voter does not recall which identification number he  
13 or she included in the voter registration record, the voter may  
14 provide multiple identification numbers, at least one of which must  
15 match the identification number in the voter registration record if  
16 such record included an identification number. If the voter  
17 registration record does not contain a birth date or an  
18 identification number, the absentee ballot application shall be  
19 accepted without a match of a birth date or an identification  
20 number.

21        D. For purposes of this section, "identification number" means  
22 a number submitted on the registration application pursuant to  
23 paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 4-112 of this title.

1           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-103.1 of Title 26, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           A registered voter who requests an absentee ballot pursuant to  
5 the provisions of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, unless  
6 otherwise permitted by federal or state law, shall indicate on the  
7 application the election date for which the absentee ballots are  
8 requested. The application shall only be valid for the elections  
9 held on that election date in which the voter is eligible to vote.

10          SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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