

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1865

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8 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
9 Section 4-120.4, which relates to convicted felons
10 and cancellation of voter registration; directing the
11 Secretary of the State Election Board to accept
12 notice from tribal court clerk; directing the
13 Secretary to cancel voter registration of persons
14 convicted of felonies in a tribal court; directing
15 the Secretary to notify appropriate county election
16 board of cancellation; amending Section 1, Chapter
17 291, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-
18 104.1), which relates to paper ballots; directing for
19 ballots to be printed in advance of election;
20 permitting certain additional ballots be printed;
21 clarifying does not apply to printing or marking of
22 ballots for certain persons; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
23 Section 7-104, which relates to hours for voting;
24 clarifying applicability to county election board;
directing that voter appear at assigned polling
place; prohibiting voting centers; clarifying voting
centers; providing exception; clarifying subprecincts
are not prohibited; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-120.4, is
amended to read as follows:

1 A. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall accept
2 written notice from the United States Attorney of persons convicted
3 of felonies in a district court of the United States. The Secretary
4 of the State Election Board shall cause the voter registrations of
5 persons listed in the written notice to be cancelled in the county
6 of the person's residence and shall notify the secretary of the
7 appropriate county election board of the cancellation.

8 B. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall accept
9 written notice from the tribal court clerk of a federally-recognized
10 tribe of persons convicted of felonies in a tribal court in the
11 United States. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall
12 cause the voter registrations of persons listed in the written
13 notice to be cancelled in the county of the person's residence and
14 shall notify the secretary of the appropriate county election board
15 of the cancellation.

16 C. The court clerk in each county shall prepare a list monthly
17 of all persons convicted in the county of a felony and shall
18 transmit the list to the secretary of the county election board.
19 The list shall include information necessary to identify a person on
20 the list as a registered voter prescribed by the Secretary of the
21 State Election Board. The secretary shall cancel the registration
22 of registered voters in the county included on the list. The
23 secretary of the county election board shall forward the names of
24 any persons on the list who are not residents of the county to the

1 Secretary of the State Election Board. The Secretary of the State
2 Election Board shall cause the voter registrations of persons from a
3 list who are forwarded to the Secretary to be cancelled in the
4 county of the person's residence.

5 E. D. The Secretary of the State Election Board, secretaries of
6 county election boards, and their agents and employees shall not be
7 held civilly liable for any action taken based upon information
8 concerning felony convictions received from a United States Attorney
9 or a county court clerk pursuant to subsections A and B of this
10 section if a reasonable effort was made to make an accurate match of
11 the information provided with voter registration records before
12 canceling any voter's registration.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L.
14 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-104.1), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 6-104.1. A. All ballots used for any election shall be
17 printed on paper to ensure a fair and accurate count; provided, each
18 precinct polling place and in-person absentee voting location shall
19 provide a means for any voter who requires assistance by reason of
20 blindness, disability, or inability to read or write to cast a
21 ballot privately and independently, in a manner to be determined by
22 the Secretary of the State Election Board.

23 B. 1. Ballots for each election day precinct shall be printed
24 in advance of the date of the election. Provided, the Secretary of

1 the State Election Board may authorize the printing of additional
2 ballots on election day in the event of a ballot shortage or due to
3 an emergency or unforeseen circumstance as described in Section 22-
4 101 of this title.

5 2. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the printing or
6 marking of ballots for persons with blindness, disability, or
7 inability to read or write as provided in subsection A of this
8 section.

9 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-104, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 7-104. A. At every Primary, Runoff Primary and General
12 Election and any other election conducted by a county election
13 board, each polling place in the state shall open at 7:00 a.m. and
14 shall remain open continuously until 7:00 p.m., and every registered
15 voter of a precinct who presents himself or herself between said
16 hours shall be entitled to vote, as provided by law, provided
17 further, all qualified voters who are in line waiting to vote at
18 7:00 p.m. shall be allowed to vote.

19 B. 1. A registered voter wishing to vote on election day shall
20 appear at the polling place for his or her assigned precinct.

21 2. Neither the State Election Board nor any county election
22 board shall utilize vote centers for voting on election day. For
23 the purposes of this section, "vote center" means a place where any
24 voter in the entire jurisdiction can vote on election day,

1 regardless of the voter's precinct assignment. Provided, an
2 exception to this requirement may be authorized for a county
3 election board by the Secretary of the State Election Board in the
4 event of an emergency as described in Section 22-101 of this title.
5 The emergency use of a countywide vote center must be limited to the
6 precincts directly impacted by the emergency.

7 3. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use of
8 subprecincts as described in Section 3-119 of this title, nor shall
9 it prohibit the assignment of precinct officials to serve more than
10 one precinct, if authorized by law, if the precincts share the same
11 election day polling place.

12 C. If any provision of federal law specifies hours for voting
13 in federal elections, the Secretary of the State Election Board
14 shall direct the county election boards to allow voting in all
15 elections held on the same day as such federal elections during the
16 hours specified by federal law.

17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

18 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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