

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE  
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1865

7 By: Roberts

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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