

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2191

By: Wolfley and Roberts of the
House

3 and

4 Bergstrom of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 14-108.1, which relates to notary public
8 restrictions; clarifying certain log requirements;
9 providing penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-108.1, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 14-108.1. A. Neither a notary public nor an agent
15 working on behalf of a notary public shall be authorized to:

16 1. Request absentee ballots on behalf of a voter other than
17 himself or herself;

18 2. Assist a voter in requesting absentee ballots, other than
19 for himself or herself or a member of his or her household;

20 3. Receive by mail an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter,
21 other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her
22 household; or

23 4. Submit a completed absentee ballot on behalf of a voter
24 other than for himself or herself.

1 B. 1. A notary public shall maintain a log of all absentee
2 ballot affidavits that he or she notarizes for a period of at least
3 two (2) years after the date of the election. The log shall include
4 the name of the voter and the date, time, and method of
5 identification.

6 2. a. A notary public who is authorized to notarize more
7 than twenty absentee ballot affidavits at a single
8 election, as provided in paragraph 3 of subsection C
9 of this section, shall submit a copy of the log to the
10 secretary of the county election board who granted the
11 written permission. The copy of the log must be
12 received by the secretary of the county election board
13 no later than the close of business on the fifth
14 business day following the date of the election.

15 b. The log shall be a public record and shall be
16 maintained by the secretary of the county election
17 board pursuant to Section 3-126 of this title.

18 c. A notary public who fails to submit the log as
19 required by this section, or who notarizes more than
20 twenty absentee ballots without authorization pursuant
21 to paragraph 3 of subsection C of this section, shall
22 have his or her notary public appointment revoked for
23 eight (8) years by the Secretary of State.

1 C. 1. If a notary public willfully and intentionally violates
2 the provisions of this section, then that notary public shall be
3 guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred
4 Dollars (\$500.00).

5 2. A notary public shall be authorized to notarize a maximum of
6 twenty absentee ballot affidavits for a single election, except as
7 provided in paragraphs ~~2~~ 3 and ~~3~~ 4 of this subsection.

8 ~~2.~~ 3. A notary public may be authorized to notarize more than
9 twenty absentee ballot affidavits at a single election with the
10 written approval of the secretary of the county election board.
11 Such approval shall apply for affidavits notarized within the county
12 served by the county election board secretary.

13 ~~3.~~ 4. The limitation required by this subsection shall not
14 apply to the notarizing of absentee ballot affidavits at the place
15 of business of a notary public that is open to the general public
16 during the normal business hours of the notary public.

17 D. 1. If more than ten absentee ballots for a single election
18 are requested to be mailed to a single mailing address, the
19 secretary of the county election board shall immediately notify the
20 district attorney for that county and the Secretary of the State
21 Election Board.

22 2. Upon receipt of such notification, the district attorney, or
23 a member of law enforcement designated by the district attorney,
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1 shall investigate any possible criminal violation of the law related
2 to the absentee ballot requests.

3 3. Provided, this notification requirement shall not apply to
4 requests for absentee ballots to be sent to the addresses of nursing
5 homes, veterans centers, medical facilities, multiunit housing,
6 installations of the Armed Forces of the United States where
7 uniformed or overseas voters, as defined by the Uniformed and
8 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, are stationed or other
9 locations authorized in writing by the Secretary of the State
10 Election Board.

11 E. The provisions of this section shall only apply to an
12 election conducted by a county election board, the State Election
13 Board or a political subdivision of this state.

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

15 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2025.

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