

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1515</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>10988</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB1515, as introduced, requires that registered voters provide a statement explaining why they cannot vote early in-person or on election day due to work, school, or travel, and directs the State Election Board to provide a standardized form for this statement. A failure to submit the statement will result in denial of the absentee ballot application.

The measure further requires that absentee ballot applications specify the election date for which the ballots are requested, and establishes that applications are valid only for the elections on that specified date.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1515 requires certain excuses to be made in certain form when applying for absentee ballots, and that voters request absentee ballots for each election. After communication with the Oklahoma State Election Board (SEB), the measure is anticipated to carry a minimal one-time administrative cost of approximately \$25,000, which is expected to be absorbed within existing agency resources.

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**Other Considerations**

None.