

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 22, 2025

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 1865

6 By: Roberts of the House

7 and

8 Bergstrom of the Senate

9 An Act relating to elections; amending Section 1,
10 Chapter 291, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section
11 6-104.1), which relates to paper ballots; directing
12 for ballots to be printed in advance of election;
13 permitting certain additional ballots be printed;
14 clarifying does not apply to printing or marking of
15 ballots for certain persons; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
16 Section 7-104, which relates to hours for voting;
17 clarifying applicability to county election board;
18 directing that voter appear at assigned polling
19 place; prohibiting voting centers; clarifying voting
20 centers; providing exception; clarifying subprecincts
21 are not prohibited; providing an effective date; and
22 declaring an emergency.

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

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

Section 6-104.1. A. All ballots used for any election shall be
printed on paper to ensure a fair and accurate count; provided, each
precinct polling place and in-person absentee voting location shall
provide a means for any voter who requires assistance by reason of

1 blindness, disability, or inability to read or write to cast a
2 ballot privately and independently, in a manner to be determined by
3 the Secretary of the State Election Board.

4 B. 1. Ballots for each election day precinct shall be printed
5 in advance of the date of the election. Provided, the Secretary of
6 the State Election Board may authorize the printing of additional
7 ballots on election day in the event of a ballot shortage or due to
8 an emergency or unforeseen circumstance as described in Section 22-
9 101 of this title.

10 2. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the printing or
11 marking of ballots for persons with blindness, disability, or
12 inability to read or write as provided in subsection A of this
13 section.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 7-104, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 7-104. A. At every Primary, Runoff Primary and General
17 Election and any other election conducted by a county election
18 board, each polling place in the state shall open at 7:00 a.m. and
19 shall remain open continuously until 7:00 p.m., and every registered
20 voter of a precinct who presents himself or herself between said
21 hours shall be entitled to vote, as provided by law, provided
22 further, all qualified voters who are in line waiting to vote at
23 7:00 p.m. shall be allowed to vote.

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

3 2. Neither the State Election Board nor any county election
4 board shall utilize vote centers for voting on election day. For
5 the purposes of this section, "vote center" means a place where any
6 voter in the entire jurisdiction can vote on election day,
7 regardless of the voter's precinct assignment. Provided, an
8 exception to this requirement may be authorized for a county
9 election board by the Secretary of the State Election Board in the
10 event of an emergency as described in Section 22-101 of this title.
11 The emergency use of a countywide vote center must be limited to the
12 precincts directly impacted by the emergency.

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

18 C. If any provision of federal law specifies hours for voting
19 in federal elections, the Secretary of the State Election Board
20 shall direct the county election boards to allow voting in all
21 elections held on the same day as such federal elections during the
22 hours specified by federal law.

23 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
6 April 22, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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