

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 5X

By: Treat and Paxton of the
Senate

3 and

4 McCall and Martinez of the
5 House

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7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 5-105, which relates to candidate voter
9 registration; specifying deadline for certain voter
10 registration for candidates filing for certain
11 offices for 2022 elections; and declaring an
12 emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-105, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-105. A. ~~To~~ Except as provided in subsection C of
17 this section, to file as a candidate for nomination by a political
18 party to any state or county office, a person must have been a
19 registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately
20 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and,
21 under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to
22 a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains
23 recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the
24 filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be

1 required to have registered with the newly recognized party within
2 fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.

3 B. ~~To~~ Except as provided in subsection C of this section, to
4 file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a
5 person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the
6 six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing
7 period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.

8 C. To file as a candidate in 2022 for nomination by a political
9 party for State Senator, State Representative, or County
10 Commissioner for any regular or special election to be held after
11 April 5, 2022, a person must have been a registered voter of the
12 political party no later than December 31, 2021. To file as an
13 independent candidate in 2022 for State Senator, State
14 Representative, or County Commissioner for any regular or special
15 election to be held after April 5, 2022, a person must have been
16 registered to vote as an independent no later than December 31,
17 2021.

18 SECTION 2. 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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1 Passed the Senate the 17th day of November, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
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