

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 677

By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to candidate filings; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-111, which relates to declaration of candidacy forms; removing certain public record; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-111. A. Forms to be used for filing Declarations of Candidacy shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and shall contain the following information:

1. The name of the candidate as it shall appear on the ballot;
2. The legal name of the candidate;
3. The candidate's place of residence and mailing address, which shall not be a public record;
4. The name of the office sought;
5. The candidate's date of birth;
6. The party affiliation of the candidate seeking political party nomination;

1 7. The precinct and county wherein the candidate is a
2 registered voter;

3 8. An oath wherein the candidate swears or affirms that he or
4 she is qualified to become a candidate for the office sought, and
5 that, if elected, the candidate will be qualified to hold the
6 office; and

7 9. Any additional information which the Secretary deems
8 necessary.

9 B. If the candidate has ever been ultimately determined by a
10 court of proper authority to be guilty of an offense specified in
11 subsection A of Section 5-105a of this title or at the time of
12 filing the Declaration of Candidacy is named in an outstanding
13 warrant for arrest for such an offense, in this or any other state,
14 the candidate shall provide the following information on a form
15 prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board:

16 1. The name of the offense;

17 2. The date of conviction or issuance of the outstanding
18 warrant; and

19 3. The county and state of conviction or issuance of the
20 outstanding warrant.

21 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an offense
22 for which the candidate has received a pardon.

1 C. A Declaration of Candidacy form must be signed by the
2 candidate, and the signature must be properly notarized by a notary
3 public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths.

4 D. In addition to the information required by this section, a
5 candidate may include a telephone number, email address and website
6 address. Such additional information shall not be required of any
7 candidate but if provided shall be made available to the public.

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

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