

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 18, 2021

3 SENATE BILL NO. 712

By: Jech of the Senate

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5 Newton of the House

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8 An Act relating to conduct of elections; amending 26
9 O.S. 2011, Sections 7-102.1 and 7-117, which relate
10 to precinct registries; authorizing use of electronic
11 precinct registries; authorizing purchase of certain
12 equipment; requiring Secretary of State Election
Board to promulgate certain rules; requiring
13 retention of certain information for specified time
14 period; updating statutory language; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 7-102.1, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 7-102.1. A. Prior to the day of the election, it shall
20 be the duty of the secretary of the county election board to prepare
21 for each precinct where an election is to be held in the county, a
22 written or electronic precinct registry which shall contain
23 information on all registered voters in the precinct as prescribed
24 by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The information which

1 is or would be contained in such a registry shall at all times be
2 public information.

3 B. The Secretary of the State Election Board may authorize the
4 use of electronic precinct registries by one or more county election
5 boards. Subject to available funding, the Secretary may purchase
6 any equipment and software necessary to implement an electronic
7 precinct registry system. The Secretary shall promulgate rules as
8 necessary to implement, operate and maintain security for a system
9 of electronic precinct registries.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 7-117, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 7-117. A. Persons who have been determined to be
13 eligible to vote shall sign, in the presence of the clerk, the
14 proper precinct registry. ~~Said~~ The clerk shall ~~thereupon~~ then issue
15 proper ballots to ~~said~~ the person. The voter's signature on ~~said~~
16 the precinct registry shall be the best evidence of ~~said~~ the voter's
17 having voted at said election. ~~Said precinct registry~~

18 B. Precinct registries including data from electronic precinct
19 registries, shall be retained ~~in the office of~~ by the county
20 election board for a period of ~~twenty-two (22)~~ twenty-four (24)
21 months following the election and shall be subject to public
22 inspection ~~during regular office hours.~~

23 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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