

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 712

By: Jech of the Senate

and

Lowe (Dick), McDugle and
Newton of the House

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

SUBJECT: Precinct registries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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