

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1617

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended by Section
9 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016,
10 Section 14-108.1), which relates to notary public
11 procedures; removing certain limitations regarding
12 notarization of absentee ballots; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 26, O.S.L.
16 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2015 (26
17 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 14-108.1), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 14-108.1 A. Neither a notary public nor an agent
19 working on behalf of a notary public shall be authorized to:

20 1. Request absentee ballots on behalf of a voter other than
21 himself or herself;

22 2. Assist a voter in requesting absentee ballots, other than
23 for himself or herself or a member of his or her household;

1 3. Receive by mail an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter,
2 other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her
3 household; or

4 4. Submit a completed absentee ballot on behalf of a voter
5 other than for himself or herself.

6 B. A notary public shall maintain a log of all absentee ballot
7 affidavits that he or she notarizes for a period of at least two (2)
8 years after the date of the election.

9 C. ~~A notary public shall be authorized to notarize a maximum of~~
10 ~~twenty absentee ballot affidavits for a single election. A notary~~
11 ~~public may be authorized to notarize more than twenty absentee~~
12 ~~ballot affidavits with the written approval of the secretary of the~~
13 ~~county election board. The limitation required by this subsection~~
14 ~~shall not apply to the notarizing of ballots at the place of~~
15 ~~business of a notary public during the normal business hours of the~~
16 ~~notary public; provided, however, such limitations shall apply to~~
17 ~~any agency or other entity that provides voter registration services~~
18 ~~as required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 or by~~
19 ~~Sections 4-109.2 and 4-109.3 of this title.~~

20 D. If more than ten absentee ballots for a single election are
21 requested to be mailed to a single mailing address, the secretary of
22 the county election board shall immediately notify the district
23 attorney for that county and the Secretary of the State Election
24 Board. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to requests for

1 ballots to be sent to nursing homes, veterans centers, medical
2 facilities, multiunit housing, addresses of uniformed or overseas
3 voters as defined by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
4 Voting Act, or other locations authorized in writing by the
5 Secretary of the State Election Board.

6 ~~E.~~ D. The provisions of this section shall only apply to an
7 election conducted by a county election board or the State Election
8 Board.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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