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2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 HOUSE BILL 1768

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021,
9 Section 4-112, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 282,
10 O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 4-112),
 which relates to voter registration application;
 adding certain information to application; and
 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
16 amended by Section 18, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (26 O.S. Supp. 2022,
17 Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 4-112. A. The Secretary of the State Election Board
19 shall devise and distribute a registration application form to be
20 used for registering voters. Such registration application shall
21 contain the following information:

22 1. The applicant's full name and date of birth, county and
23 place of residence, and mailing address pursuant to the provisions
24 of subsection G of this section;

1 2. A space or section to designate a political party recognized
2 by the laws of the State of Oklahoma with which the applicant
3 chooses to be affiliated;

4 3. The Oklahoma driver license or identification card number if
5 the applicant has been issued a current and valid driver license or
6 identification card by Service Oklahoma, or if the applicant does
7 not have a valid Oklahoma driver license or identification card, the
8 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, and a
9 current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or
10 other government document that shows the name and address of the
11 voter;

12 4. An oath of the eligibility of the applicant to become a
13 registered voter; and

14 5. Such other information as may be deemed necessary by the
15 Secretary to identify such applicant and to ascertain his or her
16 eligibility.

17 B. A voter registration application shall be signed by the
18 applicant in writing. The applicant shall personally subscribe his
19 or her name to or make his or her mark on the application, and no
20 agent, representative or employee of the applicant may sign or mark
21 on the applicant's behalf. The signature or mark must be the
22 original, handwritten signature, autograph or mark of the applicant.
23 No facsimile, reproduction, typewritten or other substitute
24 signature, autograph or mark will be valid. Notwithstanding any law

1 to the contrary, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall
2 prescribe procedures to authorize any person incapable of personally
3 making a mark to complete a voter registration application with
4 assistance of an official of any voter registration agency or
5 licensed operator specified in Sections 4-109.2 and 4-109.3 of this
6 title. Provided, for applications submitted electronically, in lieu
7 of the signature requirements set forth in this subsection, the
8 applicant shall consent to the use of his or her driver license or
9 identification card signature as provided in Section 4-109.4 of this
10 title.

11 C. Persons who do not indicate a recognized political party or
12 political organization on their registration application shall be
13 designated as Independents.

14 D. Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of the
15 State Election Board for permission to print, copy or otherwise
16 prepare and distribute the registration applications designed by the
17 Secretary of the State Election Board. The Secretary may revoke any
18 such permission at any time.

19 E. All registration applications shall be distributed to the
20 public at no charge.

21 F. The Secretary also shall prescribe procedures to accept and
22 use the National Mail Voter Registration Form, or its successor, as
23 required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Provided,
24 to be accepted as a valid voter registration application, the form

1 shall include the applicant's original, handwritten signature,
2 autograph or mark as described in subsection B of this section.

3 G. Applicants for voter registration or for change of voter
4 registration in any way shall provide a residence address and, if
5 different from the residence address, a mailing address. A
6 residence address shall include the street address of the residence,
7 including a full house number, street name or number, apartment or
8 suite number, if applicable, and zip code. If a street address is
9 not available for the residence, applicants shall provide such
10 information as the Secretary of the State Election Board deems
11 necessary for voter registration purposes. A post office box may
12 not be given as a residence address. A mailing address, which shall
13 include the city and zip code, may be the actual emergency
14 notification or 911 address on file in the local community, a rural
15 route and box number, a post office box number or a street address.

16 H. A full or partial Social Security number or driver license
17 number in a voter registration record or a voter registration
18 application shall not be considered a public record and shall be
19 kept confidential by the State Election Board and each county
20 election board.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated
24 02/14/2023 - DO PASS.