

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3549

By: Sterling

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 13A-106, which relates to eligibility for school district elections; providing eligibility for certain candidates; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 13A-106, is amended to read as follows:

Section 13A-106. A. To be eligible to be a candidate for member of the board of education of a school district or technology center school district, a person must have resided in the district or, if the board seat is in an independent district, have resided in that district for at least six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period, and have been a registered voter registered with the county election board at an address located within the geographical boundaries of the district for six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period. Beginning May 1, 1990, no person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or elected to be a member of the board of education of a school district or technology

1 center school district unless the person has been awarded a high
2 school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency. In school
3 districts that are divided into election districts, a candidate must
4 have resided in the district for at least six (6) months preceding
5 the first day of the filing period and have been a registered voter
6 registered with the county election board at an address located
7 within the geographical boundaries of the election district for six
8 (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period. Beginning
9 May 1, 1990, no person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or
10 elected to be a member of the board of education unless the person
11 has been awarded a high school diploma or certificate of high school
12 equivalency.

13 B. To be eligible to vote in a school district election or a
14 technology center school district election, a person must be
15 registered with the county election board at an address located
16 within the geographical boundaries of the district. To be eligible
17 to vote in an election district election within a school district, a
18 person must be registered with the county election board at an
19 address located within the geographical boundaries of the election
20 district.

21 C. In addition to the requirements in subsection A of this
22 section, if a person resides in a dependent school district that
23 does not have a secondary school district, the person shall be
24 eligible to file as a candidate for the board of education of a
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1 school district geographically adjacent to the current dependent
2 district in which the person resides.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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