1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1345 By: Stanley of the Senate
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6	and
7	West (Josh) of the House
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9	An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-137, which relates to the
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11	2, which relates to definitions; modifying definitions; updating statutory references; and
12	providing an effective date.
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
16	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-137, is
17	amended to read as follows:
18	As used in the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act:
19	1. "Covered voter" means:
20	a. a uniformed-service voter or an overseas voter who is
21	registered to vote in this state,
22	b. a uniformed-service voter defined in subparagraph a of
23	paragraph 9 of this section, whose voting residence is
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in this state and who otherwise satisfies this state's
 voter eligibility requirements,

- an overseas voter who, before leaving the United 3 с. States, was last eligible to vote in this state and, 4 5 except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies this state's voter eligibility requirements, 6 d. an overseas voter who, before leaving the United 7 States, would have been last eligible to vote in this 8 9 state had the voter then been of voting age and, 10 except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies this state's voter eligibility requirements, 11 12 or
- e. an overseas voter who was born outside the United
 States, is not described in subparagraph c or d of
 this paragraph, and, except for a state residency
 requirement, otherwise satisfies this state's voter
 eligibility requirements, if:
- 18 (1) the last place where a parent or legal guardian
 19 of the voter was, or under this act the Uniform
 20 <u>Military and Overseas Voters Act</u> would have been,
 21 eligible to vote before leaving the United States
 22 is within this state, and
- (2) the voter has not previously registered to vote
 in any other state;

2. "Dependent" means an individual recognized as a dependent by
 a uniformed service;

3. "Federal postcard application" means the application 3 prescribed under Section 101(b)(2) of the Uniformed and Overseas 4 5 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff(b)(2); 4. "Federal write-in absentee ballot" means the ballot 6 described in Section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens 7 Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff-2; 8 9 5. "Military-overseas ballot" means: a federal write-in absentee ballot, 10 a. a ballot specifically prepared or distributed for use 11 b. 12 by a covered voter in accordance with this act Section 14-136 et seq. of this title, or 13 a ballot cast by a covered voter in accordance with 14 с. this act the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act; 15 "Overseas voter" means a United States citizen who is 6. 16 outside the United States; 17 7. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of 18 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any 19 20 territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; 21 8. "Uniformed service" means: 22 23 24

1 active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air a. 2 Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, 3 the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the 4 b. 5 Public Health Service, or the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of 6 the United States, or 7 the National Guard and state militia; 8 с. "Uniformed-service voter" means an individual who is 9 9. 10 qualified to vote and is: a member of the active or reserve components of the 11 a. 12 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active 13 duty, 14 b. a member of the Merchant Marine, the commissioned 15 corps of the Public Health Service, or the 16 commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and 17 Atmospheric Administration of the United States, 18 a member on activated status of the National Guard or 19 с. state militia, or 20 d. a spouse or dependent of a member referred to in this 21 paragraph; and 22 "United States", used in the territorial sense, means the 10. 23 several states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United 24

1	States Virgin Islands, and any territory or insular possession
2	subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
3	SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 2, is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	The words "ex-service person", "veteran", or "war veteran" <u>as</u>
6	used in this act <u>title</u> shall be construed to mean any person who:
7	1. Has served the full obligation for active duty, Reserve or
8	National Guard service in the military uniformed service as defined
9	in Section 14-137 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or received
10	an early discharge for a medical condition, hardship, or reduction
11	in force; and
12	2. Has been separated or discharged from such service honorably
13	or under honorable conditions.
14	SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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16	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, dated 04/02/2024 - DO PASS.
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