

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 496

By: Smalley and Paxton of the
Senate

and

Taylor, Pittman and Bell of
the House

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 4-103, 4-110.1, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 and 4-113 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4-110.1), which relate to voter registration; modifying procedure for voter registration for persons of certain age; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Voter registration procedures

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-103. Any A. Except for persons described in subsection B of this section, any person who will become a qualified elector during the sixty (60) days before the next ensuing election at which he or she could vote shall be entitled to become a registered voter of the precinct of his or her residence not more than sixty (60) and not less than twenty-four (24) days prior to ~~said~~ the date of such election.

B. Any person who is at least seventeen (17) years and six (6) months of age, but less than eighteen (18) years of age, may submit

a voter registration application as provided by law, and shall be entitled to become a registered voter of the precinct of residence upon his or her eighteenth birthday.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-110.1, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-110.1. A. Voter registration applications may be submitted at any time. However, completed applications received by the State Election Board, any county election board, any agency designated to accept voter registration applications or any motor license agent as part of a driver license or identification card application twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to an election; any mail application postmarked or any electronic application submitted twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to an election or any mail application received without a postmark nineteen (19) or fewer days prior to an election shall not be approved for that election if the applicant's residence is located within the geographical boundaries of the entity for which the election is being conducted.

B. No more than seven (7) days after any election, each county election board secretary for the county of the applicant's residence shall send a notice of disposition as required in Section 4-103.1 of this title to all persons whose voter registration applications were received twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to the election.

C. Registration for voting purposes occurs when a completed voter registration application is approved by the county election board secretary for the county of the applicant's residence and on the date that the information is entered into the voter registration database for the county of the applicant's residence.

D. Registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes occurs at the earliest time the completed voter registration application is received at the State Election Board, any county election board, any agency designated to accept voter registration applications or any Motor License Agent as part of a driver license or identification card application provided that the application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the county election board for the county of the applicant's residence; or, in the case of mail applications, registration for candidate filing or

party affiliation purposes shall occur at the time when the completed voter registration application is postmarked provided that the application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the county election board for the county of the applicant's residence; or, in the case of a mail application received without a postmark, registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes shall occur at the earliest time when the completed application is received by the State Election Board or any county election board provided that the application is subsequently approved by the secretary of the county election board for the county of the applicant's residence.

E. Registration for any purpose of a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years and who has submitted an application pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 4-103 of this title occurs upon the eighteenth birthday of the person, regardless of the time the application is received or approved.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-113, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-113. A. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall devise a voter identification card which shall be issued to every person who becomes a registered voter in Oklahoma. ~~Said~~ The voter identification card shall contain such information as is necessary to determine a registered voter's eligibility.

B. When a person registers to vote or changes his or her registration in any manner to require a new voter identification card, or upon the eighteenth birthday of a person who has submitted a voter registration application pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 4-103 of this title, the county election board secretary in the county of the voter's residence shall transmit the new voter identification card as acknowledgment of the transaction which may be the notice required in Section 4-103.1 of this title.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of February, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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