

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 677

By: Treat of the Senate

and

Miller of the House

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-111, which relates to declaration of candidacy forms; requiring confidentiality of certain information; requiring certain form be included with declaration of candidacy; authorizing release of information to certain persons for specified purposes; requiring candidate to submit certain form with declaration of candidacy; specifying information to be included on certain form; exempting candidates for federal office from certain requirements; requiring Secretary of State Election Board to prescribe certain form; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Declarations of candidacy

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-111. A. Forms to be used for filing Declarations of Candidacy shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and shall contain the following information:

1. The name of the candidate as it shall appear on the ballot;
2. The legal name of the candidate;

3. The candidate's place of residence and mailing address, which shall be kept confidential as provided in subsection B of this section;

4. The name of the office sought;

5. The candidate's date of birth;

6. The party affiliation of the candidate seeking political party nomination;

7. The precinct and county wherein the candidate is a registered voter;

8. A voter registration verification form as provided in subsection C of this section;

9. An oath wherein the candidate swears or affirms that he or she is qualified to become a candidate for the office sought, and that, if elected, the candidate will be qualified to hold the office; and

~~9.~~ 10. Any additional information which the Secretary deems necessary.

B. The address of residence and the mailing address of a candidate provided on a Declaration of Candidacy shall be verified by the secretary of the election board with whom the Declaration was filed and shall be kept confidential; provided, however, such address information shall be provided to a candidate, candidate representative, or other lawful authority in anticipation of or as part of a contest of candidacy or contest of an election as provided for in this title or as part of a petition challenge as provided by law.

C. 1. Prior to filing a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate shall obtain a voter registration verification form from the secretary of the election board with whom the candidate is required to file. The candidate shall provide the form with the Declaration of Candidacy.

2. A voter registration verification form shall include:

- a. the candidate's name, date of birth, address of residence, party affiliation, voter identification number, the precinct and county where the candidate is registered, and the original date of voter registration within the county, if available, and
- b. the districts in which the candidate is registered to vote including but not limited to state senator and representative, county commissioner, school and technology center, and municipality. If applicable, a ward or member district shall be included for the school or technology center district or municipality.

3. The secretary of the election board with whom the candidate is required to file shall only accept a Declaration of Candidacy if the information contained on the voter registration verification form matches the information provided on the Declaration of Candidacy, and if such Declaration meets all other requirements of state law.

4. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to candidates for federal office.

5. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall prescribe the voter registration verification form required by this subsection.

D. If the candidate has ever been ultimately determined by a court of proper authority to be guilty of an offense specified in subsection A of Section 5-105a of this title or at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy is named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for such an offense, in this or any other state, the candidate shall provide the following information on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board:

1. The name of the offense;
2. The date of conviction or issuance of the outstanding warrant; and

3. The county and state of conviction or issuance of the outstanding warrant.

The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an offense for which the candidate has received a pardon.

~~C.~~ E. A Declaration of Candidacy form must be signed by the candidate, and the signature must be properly notarized by a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths.

~~D.~~ F. In addition to the information required by this section, a candidate may include a telephone number, email address and website address. Such additional information shall not be required of any candidate but if provided shall be made available to the public.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2023.

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