

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 971

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 4-109.3, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 87,
9 O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 4-109.3),
10 which relates to voter registration; deleting
11 provision for motor license agent to receive certain
12 fee; providing an effective date; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-109.3, as
16 amended by Section 4, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2015,
17 Section 4-109.3), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 4-109.3. A. When a qualified elector applies for
19 issuance or renewal of an Oklahoma driver's license, or issuance of
20 a state identification card issued pursuant to Section 6-105 of
21 Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or for a change of address for
22 driver license purposes, the person shall be asked if he or she
23 wishes to register to vote or to change his or her address for
24 voting purposes. If the person wishes to register to vote or to
change his or her address for voting purposes, the person shall be

1 given a voter registration application which should be completed and
2 signed by the applicant and returned to the official of the motor
3 license agency. If the person declines, he or she shall be given a
4 declination statement with the application form prescribed by the
5 Secretary of the State Election Board which shall be retained by the
6 motor license agency or designated representative of the Department
7 of Public Safety for twenty-four (24) months. All completed voter
8 registration applications shall be transmitted by the motor license
9 agent at the close of business each week to the State Election Board
10 in preaddressed, postage prepaid envelopes provided by the State
11 Election Board. If a person registers or declines to register to
12 vote, the office at which the person submits the voter registration
13 application or the fact that the person declined to register shall
14 remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration
15 purposes.

16 ~~B. Motor license agents shall receive fifty cents (\$0.50) per~~
17 ~~valid voter registration application or application for change in~~
18 ~~voter registration taken by themselves and employees of the motor~~
19 ~~license agent's office taken at the agent's office, payable by the~~
20 ~~State Election Board.~~

21 ~~C.~~ The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall notify the Secretary of
22 the State Election Board of motor license agent appointments. The
23 Oklahoma Department of Public Safety shall notify the Secretary of
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1 the State Election Board of motor license agents qualified to issue
2 driver licenses.

3 ~~D.~~ C. The Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized
4 to develop with the Department of Public Safety a system to
5 electronically transmit voter registration applications from motor
6 license agencies to the State Election Board or county election
7 boards. Such system shall be consistent with the requirements for
8 electronic submission of voter registration applications provided in
9 Section 1 of this act.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

11 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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