

**TITLE 230. STATE ELECTION BOARD  
CHAPTER 15. VOTER REGISTRATION**

**Rule Impact Statement**

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 303(D) of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma State Election Board hereby submits the following Rule Impact Statement for **PERMANENT** rule proposals for Title 230, State Election Board, Chapter 15, Voter Registration.

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 3. Voter Outreach

Part 3. Distribution of Voter Registration Application Forms

230:15-3-23. Voter registration application forms available to individuals [AMENDED]

230:15-3-24. Voter registration application forms available in quantity for organized voter registration programs [AMENDED]

230:15-3-26. Requests for more than ~~4,000~~500 Oklahoma Voter Registration Application forms [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Applications for Voter Registration

Part 21. Voter Registration Application by Mail

230:15-5-84. Information required on voter registration application [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Voter Registration List Maintenance

Part 1. Cancellation of Voter Registration

230:15-11-4. Processing cancellations of registration [AMENDED]

Part 3. Voter Registration Address Confirmation

230:15-11-19. Voter registration address confirmation mailing [AMENDED]

230:15-11-27. Reinstatement of inactive voters [AMENDED]

230:15-11-29. Identification and notification of voters who may have changed addresses of residence [AMENDED]

**Brief Description of the Purpose of the Proposed Rules:**

The purpose of all the rules of the State Election Board is to provide County Election Board members and employees with the information and instructions needed to perform their duties as required by law. The rules of the State Election Board are the basis of Oklahoma's unified, uniform election system. The rules in Chapter 15 concern requirements for voter registration in Oklahoma, from the information required of each applicant to the locations where forms may be obtained, instructions for receiving and processing voter registration applications.

Amendments to 230:15-3-23 would allow the possibility of a public library collecting voter registrations as a part of a voter registration drive. Amendments to 230:15-3-24 and 230:15-3-26 simply reduce the number of copies of the Oklahoma Voter Registration Applications that will be provided and the threshold by which someone must request permission to print the forms. Proposed amendments to subchapter 5 are intended to close a possible loophole that might allow a voter that was designated Independent by county election board personnel under 26 O.S. Section 4-112 to come back and declare a political affiliation anytime, even during the time

period in even-numbered years when changes to political affiliation are prohibited under 26 O.S. Section 4-119. This was also inconsistent with another rule found in 230:15-9-22. Proposed amendments to subchapter 11 are necessary changes pursuant to HB 3365 from the 2022 legislative session which amended 26 O.S. Section 4-120 (what notice is required for the cancelation of voter registration) and Sections 4-120.2 and 7-115.1 (amending what voters must receive and complete an address confirmation form).

**Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the cost of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities:**

County Election Board Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and other employees who process voter registration applications, address confirmation notices, and cancelations. The State Election Board will bear the costs, if any, of the proposed amendments, and no cost impacts have been received by the State Election Board from any private or public entity.

**Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule:**

County Election Board staff will benefit from the clarity in the proposed amendments in Chapter 15.

**Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing for all fee changes and, whenever possible, separate justification for each fee change:**

The proposed amendments in Chapter 15 are not expected to have a significant economic impact on any affected classes of persons or political subdivisions. No fees have been increased or added to these proposed rules and no significant economic impact is anticipated.

**Probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency:**

No unique or additional costs are anticipated by the State Election Board for implementation and enforcement of these proposed amendments.

**The probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency:**

The proposed amendments in Chapter 15 are not expected to provide any significant loss or gain in agency revenue or the state's general revenue.

**A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivision or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule:**

As previously stated, the proposed amendments in Chapter 15 are not expected to have a significant economic impact on any political subdivisions. The proposed rules will require cooperation from County Election Board Secretaries.

**A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:**

The proposed amendments in Chapter 15 are not expected to have a significant adverse economic impact on any small businesses.

**An explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules:**

County Election Board Secretaries were consulted during the development of the rules to ensure that the most effective rules were developed with minimal changes to daily operations and budgets. No new or increased fees will be added to these rules. There is no less costly non-regulatory method available to help formally implement these changes to the procedures, guidelines and rules in Chapter 15.

**A determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule is designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk:**

The proposed amendments have no effect on and pose no risk to the public health, safety, or environment.

**A determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented:**

The proposed amendments have no effect on and pose no risk to the public health, safety, or environment.

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