

**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 1. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR VOTER OUTREACH

230:15-3-1. Responsibility for voter outreach [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Application for Voter Registration

Part 1. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

230:15-5-1. Persons eligible to register to vote [AMENDED]

230:15-5-3. Felons ineligible to register to vote [AMENDED]

230:15-5-4. Exceptions for felony convictions [AMENDED]

Part 27. ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION SERVICES

230:15-5-140. Online submission of applications for voter registration authorized [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Receiving and Processing Voter Registration Applications

Part 1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

230:15-9-6. Notification of new voter registration to prior state [NEW]

Part 5. PROCESSING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

230:15-9-18.1. Assigning voter registration addresses in the Street Guide [AMENDED]

230:15-9-20. Processing applications for name change [AMENDED]

230:15-9-21. Processing applications for change of residence address or mailing address [AMENDED]

230:15-9-22. Processing applications for change of political affiliation [AMENDED]

230:15-9-23. Processing duplicate application for voter registration [AMENDED]

230:15-9-25. Processing applications for restricted records status [AMENDED]

Part 7. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

230:15-9-30. Processing voter identification cards returned undelivered by post office [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Voter Registration List Maintenance

Part 1. CANCELLATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

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

230:15-11-8. Cancellation for felony conviction [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, and instructions for receiving and processing voter registration applications.

Many of the proposed amendments in Chapter 15 are part of an ongoing effort to update the title due to the implementation of online voter registration. Proposed amendments in Part 1 of Subchapter 5 were necessary to conform the language with state statute. The State Election Board is proposing a new rule in Subchapter 9. This would allow the agency to provide notice to a voter's previous state of residence when the voter submits a new Oklahoma Voter Registration Application indicating such previous residence information. The updates in Part 1 of Subchapter 11 relate to new legislation from 2023 (Senate Bill 377), which added additional reasons for canceling a voter's registration, such as when the court clerk excuses a registered voter from jury duty for being a non-citizen.

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. Additionally, while it was the underlying legislation that now requires an additional step from the court clerk, it is worth mentioning that the court clerks in each county are affected by the new statutory requirement.

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.

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 any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency:

There may be some minimal costs for the State Election Board related to the proposed new rule that would allow the State Election Board office to notify a voter's previous state of their new registration in our state. 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:

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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