

**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

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

Subchapter 5. Application for Voter Registration

Part 17. PUBLIC RECORDS

230:15-5-73. All registration records public [AMENDED]

Part 21. VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION BY MAIL

230:15-5-88. Activation of application for new voter registration or for change in voter registration [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Voter Registration List Maintenance

Part 1. CANCELLATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

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

**a. a statement of the need for the rule and legal basis supporting it:**

The proposed rule amendments to subchapter 3 are necessary to update the process for those seeking to obtain paper copies of the voter registration application. The proposed amendments in subchapters 5 and 11 are necessary to conform with the recent legislation described herein. SB 377 in 2023 closed a loophole where voters may attempt to voluntarily cancel their registration in order to re-register in the same county under another party affiliation and be eligible to vote in the next election. New legislation found in SB 1086 from the 2025 legislative session placed parameters on who is qualified to obtain the public list of registered voters. Finally, SB 1086 codified a procedure to utilize database comparison tools to locate possible noncitizens on the voter registration list and eventually cancel the registrations of voters who are unable to provide proof of citizenship.

According to 26 O.S. § 2-107, “[t]he Secretary may promulgate, repeal or modify such rules or regulations as the Secretary deems necessary to facilitate and assist in achieving and maintaining uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of the state and federal election laws and a maximum degree of correctness, impartiality and efficiency in administration of the election laws.”

- b. **a classification of the rule as major or nonmajor**, with a justification for the classification, including an estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, state or local government units, or individuals and a determination of whether those costs will exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) over the initial five-year period following the promulgation of the proposed rule. Provided, if the costs exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the agency shall classify the rule as a major rule:

Nonmajor. The proposed rules will not have implementation and compliance costs. Any increased costs not mentioned in this Rule Impact Statement are a result of the legislation itself, and not a result of the proposed rules.

- c. **a description of the purpose of the proposed rule**, including a determination of whether the proposed rule is mandated by federal law, or as a requirement for participation in or implementation of a federally subsidized or assisted program, and whether the proposed rule exceeds the requirements of the applicable federal law:

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.

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The proposed changes to these rules are not mandated by federal law, are not a requirement for participation in a federally subsidized or assisted program, and do not exceed the requirements of the applicable federal law.

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

State and county election officials and voters.

- e. **a description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule:**

State and county election officials and voters.

- f. **a comprehensive analysis of the rule's economic impact**, including any anticipated impacts on the full-time-employee count of the agency, any costs or benefits, and a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs on the affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local government units, and on the state economy as a whole. The analysis shall include a listing for all fee changes and, whenever possible, separate justification for each fee change:

The proposed amendments are not expected to have an economic impact on any affected classes of persons or political subdivisions. No fees have been increased or added to these proposed rules. If anything, costs for the election system may be reduced by limiting the requirement on how many paper copies of the Oklahoma Voter Registration Application must be provided upon request.

- g. **a detailed explanation of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the economic impact**, including the dollar amounts calculated:

Because the proposed amendments are not expected to have an economic impact, no methodology or calculations were needed.

- h. **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 are not expected to have an economic impact on any political subdivisions. The proposed rules will require cooperation from election officials and voters.

- i. **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 will not have an adverse economic impact on any small businesses.

- j. **any measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule on business and economic development in this state, local government units of this state, and individuals:**

Because the proposed amendments may reduce the cost of providing larger amounts of paper copies of the Oklahoma Voter Registration Application, this may minimize costs to the State Election Board.

- k. **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.

- l. **a determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented:**

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

- m. **the date the rule impact statement was prepared and, if modified, the date modified:**

Prepared: December 18, 2025

Modified:

- n. **an analysis of alternatives to adopting the rule:**

There were no alternatives to adopting the proposed amendments.

- o. **estimates of the amount of time that would be spent by state employees to develop the rule and of the amount of other resources that would be utilized to develop the rule:**

Because the proposed amendments or revocations in this Chapter are necessary to come into compliance with current state law and/or clarify or codify current procedures, there is no additional time that will be spent by state employees other than that which was already required.

- p. **a summary and preliminary comparison of any existing or proposed federal regulations that are intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:**

Because the proposed amendments or revocations in this Chapter are necessary to come into compliance with current state law and/or clarify or codify current procedures, no federal regulations are implicated.