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# TITLE 230. STATE ELECTION BOARD CHAPTER 30. ABSENTEE VOTING

#### **RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

#### PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 5. Applications for Absentee Ballots

230:30-5-8.2. Validity of applications for absentee ballots for all elections [AMENDED]

230:30-5-9. Rejected applications [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. Absentee Voting Boards

230:30-7-4. Appointments shall be made promptly [REVOKED]

230:30-7-6.2. Designation of in-person absentee polling place [AMENDED]

230:30-7-11.1. Preparation of polling place and voting device for in-person absentee voting [AMENDED]

230:30-7-12. Processing applications for in-person absentee ballots in MESA [AMENDED]

230:30-7-14. Verifying voter registration information and status of in-person absentee voters [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Processing Applications

230:30-9-2. Forms needed for processing [AMENDED]

230:30-9-4. Applications from persons not registered to vote [AMENDED]

230:30-9-9. Obtaining absentee ballot applications submitted online [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Receiving and Processing Absentee Ballots

230:30-11-1.1. Receiving hand-delivered absentee ballots from voters [AMENDED]

#### **SUMMARY:**

Amendments to the rules in this Chapter are related to processing and receiving absentee ballots consistent with state statute. These proposed amendments remove the word "internet" when it should more appropriately state "secure network" in reference to early voting procedure.

## **AUTHORITY:**

Rulemaking authority is granted by Title 26 O.S., Section 2-107, to the Secretary of the State Election Board.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons may submit written comments through February 15, 2024 to Rachel Rogers at: Mailing Address: State Election Board, P. O. Box 53156, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

Email: <u>rachel.rogers@elections.ok.gov</u>. Physical Address: Room G28, State Capitol Building, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303(B)(9), "persons may demand a hearing" by writing Rachel Rogers at State Election Board, P. O. Box 53156, Oklahoma City, OK 73152 or by email at <a href="mailto:rachel.rogers@elections.ok.gov">rachel.rogers@elections.ok.gov</a> and received no

later than 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2024.

# REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

#### **COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed amendments are available in the office of the State Election Board, Room G28, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, and on the State Election Board website.

### **RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review no later than January 31, 2024 at the above addresses.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

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# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

N/A