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TITLE 230. STATE ELECTION BOARD CHAPTER 35. ELECTION CONDUCT

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 3. County Election Board Responsibilities

Part 5. Precinct Official Payroll

230:35-3-30. Pre-Election Expense Claim [AMENDED]

230:35-3-33. Funds for Precinct Official compensation [AMENDED]

230:35-3-35. Prepare and register vouchers for Precinct Officials and Absentee Voting Board members [AMENDED]

230:35-3-36. Inspector receives vouchers [REVOKED]

230:35-3-36.1. Absentee Voting Board members receive vouchers [AMENDED]

230:35-3-37. Inspector distributes vouchers [REVOKED]

230:35-3-38. Inspector receives compensation returns Precinct Expense Claim [AMENDED]

230:35-3-39. Alternative procedure Procedure for distribution of vouchers [AMENDED]

230:35-3-40. Vouchers for substitutes [AMENDED]

Part 7. Final Preparations

230:35-3-58. Wednesday preparations [AMENDED]

Part 9. Distributing Supplies and Ballots

230:35-3-65. Notifying Inspectors [AMENDED]

230:35-3-66. Issuing supplies and ballots [AMENDED]

Part 11. Election Day

230:35-3-75. Precinct procedures in Election Day Reference and Problem Solver section of

Precinct Official Notebook Manual [AMENDED]

230:35-3-76. Familiarity with procedure necessary [AMENDED]

230:35-3-77. Arrival at County Election Board office [AMENDED]

230:35-3-78. Availability [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Instructions for Precinct Officials

Part 1. Precinct Election Board Officials

230:35-5-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

230:35-5-2. Publication of Election Day Reference and Problem Solver the Precinct Official

Manual [AMENDED]

230:35-5-8. Authority of Inspector [AMENDED]

Part 3. Preparations for Election Day

230:35-5-16. Inspection of polling place [AMENDED]

Part 7. General Guidelines

230:35-5-39. Violations of the law [AMENDED]

230:35-5-40. Problems [AMENDED]

Part 11. Processing the Voter

230:35-5-55. Routine for Judge [AMENDED]

230:35-5-57. Routine for Inspector [AMENDED]

230:35-5-59. Voter assistance [AMENDED]

Part 15. After the Polls Close

230:35-5-75.1. Obtaining Detail and Tally Report [AMENDED]

Part 29. Violations of the Law

230:35-5-146. Action when laws are violated [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

Amendments to this Chapter were necessary due to the upcoming statutory increase in compensation for precinct officials (Senate Bill 290). Further, there have been updates to the procedure for how vouchers for precinct officials are handled. Lastly, there is a change in the title of the publication precinct officials must utilize – it is now entitled Precinct Official Manual (also known as "Notebook").

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 rachel.rogers@elections.ok.gov 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.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A