An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1466

By: Ford and Wilson of the Senate

and

Cox and Wright of the House

An Act relating to elections; prohibiting certain acts by notary public or agent; specifying certain duties and authority of notaries public; prohibiting mailing more than certain number of absentee ballots to single address; providing exceptions; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: Absentee ballots

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-108.1 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Neither a notary public nor an agent working on behalf of a notary public shall be authorized to:

1. Request absentee ballots on behalf of a voter other than himself or herself;

2. Assist a voter in requesting absentee ballots, other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her household;
3. Receive by mail an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter, other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her household; or

4. Submit a completed absentee ballot on behalf of a voter other than for himself or herself.

B. A notary public shall maintain a log of all absentee ballot affidavits that he or she notarizes for a period of at least two (2) years after the date of the election.

C. A notary public shall be authorized to notarize a maximum of twenty (20) absentee ballot affidavits for a single election. Provided, a notary public may be authorized to notarize more than twenty (20) absentee ballot affidavits with the written approval of the secretary of the county election board.

D. If more than ten (10) absentee ballots for a single election are requested to be mailed to a single mailing address, the secretary of the county election board shall immediately notify the district attorney for that county and the Secretary of the State Election Board. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to requests for ballots to be sent to nursing homes, veterans centers, medical facilities, multi-unit housing, addresses of uniformed or overseas voters as defined by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, or other locations authorized in writing by the Secretary of the State Election Board.
Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of April, 2012.

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of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Governor this 3rd day of April, 2012, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

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Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 9th day of April, 2012, at 2:26 o'clock P.M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 2nd day of April, 2012, at 4:55 o'clock P.M.

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