An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1302

By: Walker and Wesselhoft of the House

and

Boggs of the Senate

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Sections 14-104 and 14-108, which relate to absentee voting; authorizing hand delivery of ballot to county election board; limiting time period for delivery; requiring proof of identity; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Absentee voting

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-104, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-104. Absentee ballots shall be returned to the secretary of each county election board no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of the election; provided, absentee ballots that are hand delivered to the county election board as provided in Section 14-108 of this title shall be delivered no later than the end of regular business hours on the day prior to the date of the election.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-108, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-108. A. The voter shall be required to mark the ballot in ink or other manner as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board; seal the ballots in the plain opaque envelope; fill out completely and sign the affidavit, such signature to be notarized at no charge by a notary public; seal the plain opaque envelope inside the envelope bearing the affidavit and return both envelopes, sealed inside the return envelope, by hand delivery,

United States mail or by a private mail service, provided such service has delivery documentation, to the county election board. No person who is a candidate for an office on the ballot or who is the chair or treasurer of the campaign of a candidate for office or who is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to a candidate on the ballot may witness any absentee ballot affidavit.

B. The ballot shall not be notarized by any person whose name appears on the ballot as a candidate or by any campaign chairperson or campaign treasurer for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot.

C. Any voter who hand delivers his or her ballot as provided in subsection A of this section shall provide proof of identity to the county election board and shall hand deliver the ballot no later than the end of regular business hours on the day prior to the date of the election. For purposes of this section, "proof of identity" shall have the same meaning as used in subsection A of Section 7-114 of this title.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 19th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 2nd day of May, 2016, at 3:40 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 5th day of May, 2016, at 2:51 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 5th day of May, 2016, at 3:38 o'clock P. M.

By: Chris Benge