

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 288

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to declarations of candidacy; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-112, which relates to petitions and filing fees; modifying signature requirements for certain petitions; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 5-112, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-112. A. A declaration of candidacy must be accompanied by:

~~1. A petition supporting a candidate's filing signed by not fewer than two percent (2%) of the number of registered voters in the district, county or state, as appropriate for the office sought;~~

~~2. A a cashier's check, ~~or~~ certified check, or petition supporting a candidate's filing~~ as follows:

1        ~~a.~~    ~~for~~ 1.    For candidates for Governor, Two Thousand Dollars  
2        (\$2,000.00), or a petition signed by four thousand (4,000)  
3        registered voters within the state;

4        ~~b.~~    ~~for~~ 2.    For candidates for United States Senator, Two  
5        Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or a petition signed by four thousand  
6        (4,000) registered voters within the state;

7        ~~c.~~    ~~for~~ 3.    For candidates for United States Congress, One  
8        Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or a petition signed by two thousand  
9        (2,000) registered voters within the congressional district;

10       ~~d.~~    ~~for~~ 4.    For candidates for Lieutenant Governor,  
11       Corporation Commission, Attorney General, State Auditor and  
12       Inspector, ~~State~~ Superintendent of Public Instruction, State  
13       Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance and Commissioner of Labor, One  
14       Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or a petition signed by two thousand  
15       (2,000) registered voters within the state;

16       ~~e.~~    ~~for~~ 5.    For candidates for the State House of  
17       Representatives, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or a petition  
18       signed by one thousand (1,000) registered voters within the State  
19       House district;

20       ~~f.~~    ~~for~~ 6.    For candidates for the State Senate, Seven Hundred  
21       Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), or a petition signed by one thousand five  
22       hundred (1,500) registered voters within the State Senate district;

23       ~~g.~~    ~~for~~ 7.    For candidates for District Judge or Associate  
24       District Judge, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or a petition signed  
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1 by one thousand (1,000) registered voters within the judicial  
2 district;

3 ~~h.~~ for 8. For candidates for District Attorney, Five Hundred  
4 Dollars (\$500.00), or a petition signed by one thousand (1,000)  
5 registered voters within the district; and

6 ~~i.~~ for 9. For candidates for any other county office, Three  
7 Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), or a petition signed by six hundred (600)  
8 registered voters within the county.

9 B. A filing fee received by the Secretary of the State Election  
10 Board shall be deposited in the State Election Board Revolving Fund  
11 created pursuant to Section 3-107 of this title. A filing fee  
12 received by a secretary of a county election board shall be  
13 deposited in the County Election Board Special Depository Account  
14 authorized by Section 3-108 of this title.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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