

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1005
Version:	Introduced
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Impact:	Service OK: \$138,072 Recurring

Research Analysis

HB1005, as introduced, modifies and expands the requirements for proof of identity for voters in elections.

Key provisions include:

- amends the definition of "proof of identity" to specify that it must satisfy all applicable requirements.
- provides a temporary exception for voter identification cards for elections held prior to January 1, 2027.
- requires that for elections conducted on or after January 1, 2027, all voters must present proof of identity that meets the full requirements
- tasks Service Oklahoma with developing and providing a free photo identification card to meet the voter identification requirements by January 1, 2027.
- directs the Chief Executive Officer of Service Oklahoma to consult with the Secretary of the State Election Board to develop the photo identification card.
- states that the proof of identity requirements outlined in the bill will also apply to voters appearing at in-person absentee voting sites.
- authorizes the Secretary of the State Election Board to promulgate rules and procedures necessary to implement the requirements of this section.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1005 modifies certain identification requirements for voters. The measure requires collaboration between Service Oklahoma (SOK) and the Oklahoma State Election Board (SEB) in the promulgation of such modifications. Specifically, the measure requires SOK to develop and distribute a free voter identification card to certain persons. Per SOK and SEB, there are currently 2,301,188 registered voters, and over 3,400,000 active driver licenses or state identification cards. While the total number of persons requiring the unique voter identification card is anticipated to be nominal, it is unknown specifically who is registered to vote yet lacks a driver license or state identification card for purposes of a fiscal impact. The current printing cost per credential is \$2.00, including postage. Further, SEB would likely need to update certain training to ensure smooth implementation at a cost of approximately \$10,000, but such cost is anticipated to be absorbed through existing agency resources.

After further communication with SOK, and according to a 2023 University of Maryland Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement analysis, it is believed that approximately three percent (3%) of voting-age U.S. citizens do not possess a non-expired government-issued photo identification. Applying this percentage to Oklahoma suggests about 69,036 Oklahomans likely

require the new voter identification card. Applying the \$2.00 cost per credential results in an estimated fiscal impact of \$138,072 for production; however, costs may vary depending on the actual number of people that apply for the card.

There are questions regarding the accessibility of such cards being issued at Service Oklahoma locations, and whether verification for voter identification cards requiring only a valid voter registration card is a sufficiently secure process. However, such concerns do not alter the fiscal impact analysis at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.