An Act relating to absentee ballots; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-110.1, which relates to physically incapacitated persons; modifying persons authorized to make application for absentee ballot for physically incapacitated persons; providing limitations; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Absentee ballots

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-110.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-110.1. A registered voter who swears or affirms that the voter is physically unable to vote in person at the precinct on the day of the election because the voter is:

1. Physically incapacitated; or

2. Charged with the care of another person who is physically incapacitated and who cannot be left unattended;

may apply for an absentee ballot. Such applications may be made by United States mail, by telegraph or by facsimile device as defined by Section 1862 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or may be made
in person at the office of the county election board by an agent of
the voter. Such an agent shall be a person of the voter's choosing
who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who is not employed by
or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to
any person whose name appears on the ballot. No person may be the
agent for more than one voter at any election. The Secretary of the
State Election Board shall prescribe a form to be used for said the
application, although any application setting forth substantially
the same facts shall be valid.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this resolution shall take
effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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day of ________________, 20______, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: ________________________________

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this ______

day of ________________, 20______, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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