STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1825 By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to presidential electors; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 10-101, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 2017 (26 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 10-101), which relates to nomination and certification of presidential electors; establishing exception to timeline for certain certification; authorizing provisional certification under certain circumstances; establishing requirements for provisional certification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 10-101, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 2017 (26 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 10-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 10-101. A. The nominees for Presidential Electors of any recognized political party shall be selected at a convention of the party in a manner to be determined by the party.

B. The nominees for Presidential Electors shall be certified by the ~~party's~~ chair <u>of the party</u> to the Secretary of the State Election Board no later than July 15 of a presidential election year.

C. Failure of a political party to properly certify the names of its nominees for Presidential Electors within the time specified shall bar such party from placing any candidates for Presidential Electors on the ballot at the General Election.

D. 1. A recognized political party shall certify its nominees for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States to the Secretary of the State Election Board no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the date of the General Election to ensure the State Election Board and the county election boards have sufficient time to meet the deadline for sending absentee ballots to uniformed services voters pursuant to federal and state law.

2. If the nominating convention of a recognized political party is scheduled to conclude after the deadline provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the Secretary may accept a provisional certification of the party's nominees for President and Vice President of the United States. A provisional certification must be received by the Secretary prior to the deadline, and the party shall provide the official certification of nominees to the Secretary upon the adjournment of the convention.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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