

Oklahoma Candidate Qualifications

State Insurance Commissioner

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 6, Section 23:

“A. There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State, at the first general election, a chief officer of the Insurance Department, who shall be styled the **"Insurance Commissioner"**, whose term of office shall be four years: Provided, That the first term of the **Insurance Commissioner** so elected, shall expire at the time of the expiration of the term of office of the first Governor elected. The **Insurance Commissioner** shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and well versed in insurance matters.

B. No person shall be eligible to serve as **Insurance Commissioner** for a period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation set forth herein. Any person serving in such position at the time of passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional eight (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to implement the provisions of this subsection.”

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 36, Section 302:

“The **Insurance Commissioner** of this state shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and a resident of this state for at least five (5) years, and have had at least five (5) years' experience in the insurance industry in administration, sales, servicing or regulation. The **Insurance Commissioner** shall not be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any insurer, agency, insurance transaction, or other entity that is regulated by the Insurance Department, except as a policyholder or claimant under a policy.”

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105:

“A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a political party to any state or county office, a person must have been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.

B. To file as an independent candidate for any **state** or county **office**, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the six-month period

immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.”

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105a:

“A. A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony or who has been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to any state, county, municipal, judicial or school office or any other elective office of any political subdivision of this state for a period of fifteen (15) years following completion of his sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for or from holding public office.”