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More than 500 candidates file for office

(Oklahoma City) – The 2014 candidate filing period ended Friday at 5 p.m., with 578 candidates filing for 308 state and federal offices over three days, Oklahoma State Election Board Secretary Paul Ziriax said.

For the first time in state history, both U.S. Senate seats are on the ballot, with 20 candidates filing for the spots. In addition to the regular six-year U.S. Senate term already scheduled to be up for election, the seat currently held by Sen. Tom Coburn will also be on the ballot. Coburn is resigning the seat.

The Governor’s race drew seven candidates, and 27 people filed for the state’s five seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Hundreds of other candidates filed for statewide offices, legislative seats, judicial positions and district attorney races.

“I want to congratulate all the candidates and thank our staff,” Ziriax said. “Their hard work helped make the 2014 filing period run smoothly and efficiently.”

Withdrawals and contests of candidacy must be filed by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 15. The Oklahoma State Election Board will hear contests of candidacy April 21.

With the filing period over, Oklahoma State Election Board staff members will begin preparing, testing and printing up to 2.5 million ballots for the June 24 Primary Election. Absentee ballots must be mailed to military voters by May 9.

Important dates to remember for the June 24 Primary include:
- May 30, the deadline to register to vote.
- June 18, the last day to request an absentee ballot.
- Early voting will be June 19-21.

For more information about 2014 elections, or to see a full list of the candidates who filed for office, visit: http://elections.ok.gov.

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