



Legislative News Update

Week of August 14

**RUNOFF
VOTE 2026**

Oklahoma, let's beat the heat AND voter apathy!
Make your plan now to vote, and then take it one step further:
reach out to 20 family members and friends and encourage them
to make a plan to vote, too.

☒ **EARLY VOTING**

THURS. AUG. 20	FRI. AUG. 21	SAT. AUG 22
8 A.M. TO 6 P.M	8 A.M. TO 6 P.M	8 A.M. TO 2 P.M

☒ **ELECTION DAY**

TUES. AUG. 25 | 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL ELECTION DAY
TO MAKE A PLAN.**

- PICK YOUR DAY.**
- PICK YOUR TIME.**
- KNOW WHERE YOU VOTE.**



Find your early voting location and Election Day polling place.

Click the graphic to download, save and share with family and friends.



State Questions on the August 25 Ballot

All Oklahoma voters, regardless of party affiliation, will be able to vote on State Questions 844 and 846 on August 25.

What is State Question 844?

If approved by voters, it would allow the Oklahoma state legislature to change how it reimburses schools and communities for certain manufacturing property tax (ad valorem) exemptions, including percentage of reimbursement. Currently, there is 100% reimbursement from the Oklahoma Tax Commission after it verifies claims from counties and distributes funds from the Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund to county treasurers. More information is available at the Oklahoma Policy Institute by [clicking here](#).

What is State Question 846?

If approved by voters, it would create broad voter identification requirements for voting, including giving the Oklahoma state legislature authority over voter ID laws. This would be done through specific language added to the state constitution: “Each voter shall present proof of identity to the appropriate election official when voting at any election authorized by law and conducted by a county election board or the State Election Board. Proof of identity shall be required for any method of voting authorized by law. The Legislature shall enact laws necessary to specify the requirements for proof of identity for voting, as required by this section.” More information is available at the Oklahoma Policy Institute by [clicking here](#).

Additional primary election articles:

- **McCarville Report:** [Poll Shows Oklahoma Republican Runoff Races Too Close to Call](#)
- **nondoc.com:** [SQ 846: On voting law, proponents concerned with posterity, critics concerned with posturing](#)
- **Oklahoman:** [Oklahoma school leaders worry about SQ 844 on August ballots](#)
- **Oklahoma Voice:** [GOP candidates vow to tackle soaring insurance rates, but differ on solution](#)

- KOSU: [Drummond calls extreme Republicans fascists, Mazzei responds](#)

2026 Interim Studies

Approved House Interim Studies

- [Click here to view the list of approved House interim studies.](#)

Approved Senate Interim Studies

- [Click here to view the list of approved Senate interim studies.](#)

[Click here to view the committee hearing schedule.](#)

Official State Press Releases

- Aug. 11: [Manger Condemns OPPB Decision to Advance Parole for Sirloin Stockade Murderer](#)
- Aug. 12: [Gov. Stitt Releases Report by Sec. Dan Hamlin on School Finances](#)
- Aug. 12: [Norwood, Dossett Gather for Signing of Bills Restoring State Funding for 211](#)
- Aug. 13: [Ceremonial Signing Celebrates New Path to CPA Licensure](#)
- Aug. 13: [Felony Trafficking of Abortion Pills Becomes Law](#)

AG asks federal court to halt construction of Oklahoma aluminum smelter

Oklahoma Voice/Oklahoman: AG asks federal court to halt construction of Oklahoma aluminum smelter

Oklahoma's attorney general on Tuesday asked a federal court to block construction in Inola of what would be the largest aluminum smelter in the country. [Read more.](#)

KOSU: Drummond files motion to halt construction of aluminum smelter in Northeast Oklahoma

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond has filed a motion to pause development on an aluminum smelter proposed for the northeast Oklahoma town of Inola. [Read more.](#)

Stitt's sovereign wealth fund, Dream Accounts bills to take effect

Two of Gov. Kevin Stitt's requests for the fiscal year 2027 budget will become reality Thursday when the bill's containing those proposals take effect. [Read more.](#)

State says it spent nearly \$900k on Tulsa, Oklahoma City homeless camp cleanups

Oklahoma Voice: State says it spent nearly \$900k on Tulsa, Oklahoma City homeless camp cleanups

The state spent nearly \$900,000 to clear homeless encampments in Oklahoma's largest cities last year, according to letters sent by the state's chief operating officer. [Read more.](#)

KOSU: Oklahoma Governor's Office threatens to invoice Tulsa, Oklahoma City for Operation SAFE

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt is threatening to invoice Tulsa and Oklahoma City Police Departments for costs associated with clearing homeless encampments on state land. [Read more.](#)

Stitt touts camp safety measure

Gov. Kevin Stitt touted a bill Wednesday that he said will establish stronger emergency-preparedness requirements for youth camps, outdoor programs and recreational campgrounds across Oklahoma. [Read more.](#)

Stitt directs homeland security office to investigate Muslim Brotherhood, CAIR

Gov. Kevin Stitt issued an executive order Wednesday that directs the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to assess whether the Muslim Brotherhood, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), or individuals and entities acting on their behalf present a terrorism or public-safety threat in Oklahoma. [Read more.](#)

Hicks hopes to kickstart conversation on empowering OMMA board with twin studies

Sen. Carri Hicks hopes to kickstart a conversation among lawmakers on potentially empowering and establishing the board of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA), shifting it from an advisory role to a decision-making one, through a pair of interim studies she requested. [Read more.](#)

Lawmakers scrutinize Oklahoma's pretrial system after concerns over unconstitutional bail hearings

Sen. Dave Rader, R-Tulsa, and Rep. Nicole Miller, R-Edmond, will hold a hearing at the Oklahoma Capitol later this year to examine pretrial practices in Oklahoma County. [Read more.](#)

First interim study to focus on county fair grounds' needs

Christina Foss was recently welcomed back to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) as the agency's new chief of staff after previously serving in the role. [Read more.](#)

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Commission on Education Quality, Accountability revokes SWOSU program's accreditation

The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability voted 3-1 on Wednesday to revoke the accreditation of Southwestern Oklahoma State University's (SWOSU) undergraduate art education program. [Read more.](#)

Public employees' health insurance premiums to increase in 2027

Insurance premium rates for health, dental, life, disability and vision insurance products to be offered to state, education and many local government employees, retirees, and their dependents for plan year 2027 have been approved by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES). [Read more.](#)

Experts warn Oklahomans should expect health insurance costs to spike

As Oklahoma's state employees face potential double-digit hikes in health insurance premiums, experts are warning that all Oklahomans should brace for a similar shock this year. [Read more.](#)

Stitt-backed report calls for charter schools to receive local property taxes

A report from Gov. Kevin Stitt's former education secretary proposes requiring a portion of school district carryover balances to support teacher salaries and sending a share of local property taxes to public charter schools. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma students head back to school with focus on literacy

Hundreds of thousands of Oklahoma children returned to school this week for their first academic year under strict new literacy laws. It will be their final school year before reading scores carry even higher stakes. [Read more.](#)

Federal judge vacates illegal federal approvals for fracking on Pawnee trust land in Oklahoma

A federal judge has voided oil and gas drilling permits on Pawnee Nation trust land, concluding a decade-old court case. The U.S. Department of the Interior did not follow all necessary U.S. or Pawnee laws in leasing the land or issuing the drilling permits, the judge found. [Read more.](#)

2026 Election Deadlines

Election Date/ Filing Date	Election Type	Voter Registration Deadline	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Early Voting Dates & Hours	Election Day Voting Hours
August 25	Runoff Primary Elections	July 31	August 10	Aug. 20 -21 8 A.M. – 6 P.M. Aug. 22 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.	7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
November 3	General Elections	October 9	October 19	Oct. 28 - 30 8 A.M. – 6 P.M. Oct. 31 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.	7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

2026-27 Legislative Dates & Deadlines

October 2026

- **Friday, October 30:** Deadline for Interim Studies to be Completed

December 2026

- **Friday, December 4:** Deadline for Requesting Drafting of Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Second Session of the 60th Legislature (House and Senate)

January 2027

- **Tuesday, January 5:** Organizational Day for the First Session of the 61st Legislature
- **Thursday, January 14:** Deadline for Filing of Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Second Session of the 60th Legislature (House and Senate)

February 2027

- **Monday, February 1:** First Day of the First Session of the 61th Legislature

March 2027

- **Thursday, March 25:** Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions in the House of Origin (House and Senate)

May 2027

- **Thursday, May 6:** Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions in the House Opposite the House of Origin (House and Senate)
- **Thursday, May 28:** Sine Die Adjournment of the First Session of the 61th Legislature

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