



## Legislative News Update

*Week of September 11*

### 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 interim study schedules and agendas.](#)

### Official State Press Releases

- Sept. 8: [Jami Longacre to be Honored with OSU Distinguished Alumni Award](#)
- Sept. 9: [Manger applauds Governor's denial of Stafford parole](#)
- Sept. 9: [Newton studies Oklahoma's water resources](#)

- **Sept. 10:** [AG Drummond Celebrates Ruling Upholding HB 1775](#)
- **Sept. 10:** [Sen. Boren asks for public feedback ahead of study on county law libraries](#)
- **Sept. 10:** [Interim study looks at Oklahoma law requiring pounds to surrender unclaimed pets for medical testing](#)

### **On the 25th anniversary of 9/11, a divided U.S. gathers to remember and grieve**

A quarter century later, a politically and culturally divided United States is commemorating a day of violence, loss and heroism that altered the trajectory of the nation, sending people's lives spiraling in directions they could never have expected. [Read more.](#)

### **Oklahoma revenue reaches \$18 billion**

Oklahoma state revenue reached \$18 billion over the past 12 months, continuing a yearlong stretch of growth, according to Oklahoma Treasurer Todd Russ. [Read more.](#)

### **House Rules Committee agrees to recommendations regarding Williams**

The House Rules committee has agreed to recommendations concerning Rep. Danny Williams, Chair Mike Osborn said Thursday. [Read more.](#)

### **Details of Oklahoma lawmaker's alleged misconduct, recommended action to be made public later**

The House Rules Committee set a meeting date in two weeks to publicly discuss allegations of misconduct against an Oklahoma lawmaker for the first time since they came to light over a month ago. [Read more.](#)

### **Stitt, legislative leaders yet to move forward with convention commission**

#### **Quorum Call: Stitt, legislative leaders yet to move forward with convention commission**

Gov. Kevin Stitt and legislative leaders have yet to move forward with the governor's plan for a vote on a constitutional convention. [Read more.](#)

#### **Quorum Call: McBride challenges Stitt's call for a constitutional convention vote**

Former Rep. Mark McBride has filed a lawsuit in the Oklahoma Supreme Court challenging Gov. Kevin Stitt's call for a vote of the people on whether state will hold a constitutional convention. [Read more.](#)

#### **Oklahoma Voice: Lawsuit filed to stop Oklahoma Constitutional Convention vote**

A former Republican lawmaker has challenged Gov. Kevin Stitt's power to call a constitutional convention. [Read more.](#)

### **Federal appeals court strikes down order blocking enforcement of House Bill 1775**

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The US Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Wednesday a lower federal court order that blocked enforcement part of a bill passed in 2022

that prohibits public schools from teaching certain discriminatory concepts as facts. [Read more.](#)

### **Oklahoma Voice: Federal appeals court upholds Oklahoma HB 1775 but narrows its meaning**

A federal appeals court has upheld and limited the interpretation of a controversial Oklahoma law impacting public school teaching on race and gender. [Read more.](#)

### **nondoc.com: HB 1775 ruling: ‘Teachers remain free to instruct about historical or popular issues’**

Enforcement of a controversial Oklahoma law that bans the teaching of certain concepts about race and gender is back on the table following a Sept. 9 ruling from a federal appellate court, a rare legal decision that spawned celebratory statements from both sides of the lawsuit that is now headed back to the Western District of Oklahoma. [Read more.](#)

### **Experts tell committee Oklahoma water needs additional investment**

The House Agriculture Committee discussed what comes next for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board during an interim study Tuesday. [Read more.](#)

### **Interim study examines OK’s mandatory pound seizure statute, proposed repeal**

An interim study focused on Oklahoma’s pound seizure statute, which is nationally unique, went before the Senate Committee on Local and County Government on Wednesday. [Read more.](#)

## **Feds propose Medicare reimbursement cuts for same-day care. Oklahoma doctors say it will endanger patients**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing a significant rule change that would mean physicians receive half as much in reimbursement from Medicare for services provided on the same day as an office visit. [Read more.](#)



## **Oklahoma transportation braces for possible loss of federal funding**

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Executive Director Tim Gatz told the Board of Transportation that the United States Congress has extended federal transportation funding until December 2026. [Read more.](#)



## **Stitt urges federal action to expand meat processors' interstate market access**

Gov. Kevin Stitt today sent letters Thursday to President Donald J. Trump, US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, and congressional agriculture leaders urging action to expand interstate market access for qualified Oklahoma meat processors. [Read more.](#)



## **Oklahoma Ethics Commission inches toward disclosure rules around AI political messaging**

For months, the Ethics Commission has discussed what to do about AI-generated deepfakes of Oklahoma politicians appearing in TV ads, mailers and other forms of campaign messaging. [Read more.](#)



## **Bridenstine appears before House committee, stresses aerospace production workforce needs**

The House Committee on Postsecondary Education hosted an interim study Tuesday morning centered on expanding CareerTech partnerships for the aerospace and construction industries through registered apprenticeships, which included a presentation from former NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. [Read more.](#)

## **National ranking grades 3 Oklahoma colleges' support for free speech**

Oklahoma's two largest universities received D grades for campus free speech in a national ranking. [Read more.](#)

## **OSU announces sites for new veterinary hospital, agronomy center**

Locations for two major taxpayer-supported construction projects at Oklahoma State University were revealed Tuesday. [Read more.](#)

## **There's been a lot of big claims about the Inola smelter. Here's what the facts show**

The Trump administration's plans to build a massive smelter in Inola to revive the U.S. aluminum industry have generated big claims about how clean or dirty the operation would be, how many jobs it could create and the company Oklahoma Primary Aluminum's foreign ties. But there are still many unknowns about the facility, including how much pollution it would actually generate. [Read more.](#)

## **Local partnerships with ICE result in record number of immigration arrests in Oklahoma**

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies' partnerships with federal immigration forces have resulted in the arrests of over 1,800 people, the majority of whom have no criminal history, records show. [Read more.](#)

## **Community, scientist disputes Oklahoma water agency finding that dams not to blame**

There is no link between the construction of two dams and declining water levels at a lake west of Oklahoma City, according to the findings of a report released by a state agency tasked with managing water. [Read more.](#)

## **Dan Kirby federal case dismissed, felony homicide charge filed by Muscogee Nation**

Nine months after their high-profile conviction was vacated on appeal, federal prosecutors have dismissed the involuntary manslaughter case against former Oklahoma House Rep. Dan Kirby related to the 2022 death of his girlfriend. However, Kirby, whose girlfriend died when he ran his motorcycle off a rural road after a day of partying, now faces a charge in Muscogee Nation District Court for the same incident. [Read more.](#)

## **Jilted developer of Guardian System 2.0 files countersuit against Ethics Commission**

Nine months after the Oklahoma Ethics Commission dissolved its contract with RFD & Associates for an upgrade to the state agency's financial disclosure system for political candidates and committees, the software

development company has filed counterclaims against the state. [Read more.](#)

### Trump-backed Oklahoma politician says U.S. ‘wasn’t built by immigrants’

An Oklahoma politician who helped rally Black voters for President Trump says the “fake news media” is lying about systemic racism in America. [Read more.](#)

## 2026 Election Deadlines

| Election Date/<br>Filing Date | Election Type        | Voter<br>Registration<br>Deadline | Absentee<br>Ballot<br>Request<br>Deadline | Early Voting<br>Dates &<br>Hours                                    | Election<br>Day<br>Voting<br>Hours |
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| November 3                    | General<br>Elections | October 9                         | October 19                                | Oct. 28 - 30<br>8 A.M.<br>– 6 P.M.<br>Oct. 31<br>8 A.M.<br>– 2 P.M. | 7 A.M. to 7<br>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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