



Legislative News Update

Week of August 28

Oklahoma voters headed to the polls Tuesday to settle races left unresolved in the June primary and decide two state questions. As detailed in our election update sent Wednesday, the runoff results finalized party nominees in several key contests and set the stage for November's general election.

[Click here to download a PDF version of the primary runoff election results.](#)

With the primary season now complete, attention turns to November and the races that will help shape the 2027 legislative session, Oklahoma's next administration, and the policy and budget priorities that follow.

2026 Interim Studies

Approved House Interim Studies

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

Approved Senate Interim Studies

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[Click here to view the interim study schedules and agendas.](#)

Official State Press Releases

- Aug. 24: [Newton Studies Advanced Primary and Value-Based Care](#)
- Aug. 25: [Governor Stitt Establishes OK Beef Industry Advisory Council](#)
- Aug. 25: [OK Lawmakers Mourn Country Music Legend Dolly Parton](#)
- Aug. 26: [Governor Stitt Sends Constitutional Convention to a Vote of the People](#)
- Aug. 26: [AG Drummond Reaches Landmark Settlement With Meta](#)
- Aug. 26: [House Speaker Comments on \\$17BIL Settlement with Meta](#)
- Aug. 27: [Senator Hall, Rep. Caldwell Comment on Latest LOFT Report](#)

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Gov. Kevin Stitt issued a proclamation Tuesday setting a vote of the people on a proposed constitutional convention and an executive order creating a commission to study the Oklahoma Constitution and other state constitutional conventions and to make recommendations about the procedures and rules that would govern a state constitutional convention, should the state question be approved. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma Voice: Stitt move creating Oklahoma ballot measure is illegal, critics say

Gov. Kevin Stitt acted outside his authority when he ordered a state question pertaining to a constitutional convention be placed on a future ballot, a former and the current Oklahoma attorney general said Wednesday. [Read more.](#)

nondoc.com: Citing 56-year delay, Stitt seeks April vote on Oklahoma constitutional convention

The Oklahoma Constitution specifies that voters should be asked every 20 years whether to hold a constitutional convention, a question that has not appeared on state ballots since 1970. [Read more.](#)

Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee hears two quick studies

During two very short studies, the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee discussed the minutiae of a possible tax credit for gun safety courses and the broad concept of school bonds. [Read more.](#)

Advanced primary care subject of House interim study

The House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Health hosted an interim study Monday morning focused on advanced primary care as a means of improving health care value in Oklahoma. [Read more.](#)

Five-year impact of privatization at state health agencies explored at interim study

The House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Health reconvened Tuesday morning for an interim study centered on the impact of public/private partnerships at some of Oklahoma's key healthcare agencies. [Read more.](#)

Domestic violence appears to be increasing; experts believe more tools are needed

The House Criminal Judiciary Committee heard from a large group of advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges and even a survivor about domestic violence in Oklahoma. [Read more.](#)

Subcommittee urged to consider infectious disease reporting requirements carefully

The House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Health was urged Monday to approach carefully any statutory changes related to infectious disease reporting in the state. [Read more.](#)

Byrd warns of potential consequences of mishandling federal money in audit

State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd again warned lawmakers and agency directors about the potential consequences of mishandling federal money as she released the state's Federal Single Audit for fiscal year 2024 on Monday. [Read more.](#)

Fines, fires and Mealy Bugs: Busy summer continues for ODAFF

The State Board of Agriculture voted to go against the advice of a state administrative law judge to half a fine on H Lawn Care in Bethany from \$1,000 to \$500 during the board's meeting Tuesday. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma childcare system unlikely to have ‘large scale’ fraud but DHS has risk areas, report finds

Oklahoma’s childcare subsidy system is likely to be resistant to large-scale, coordinated fraud, a state agency investigation found. [Read more.](#)

ABLE Commission continues work to implement recent legislation

The Alcohol Beverage Law Enforcement Commission (ABLE) is still working to implement legislation passed during the 60th Legislature. [Read more.](#)

Arts Council approves \$3.2 million FY2027 grants budget

The Oklahoma Arts Council has approved a \$3.2 million fiscal year 2027 grants budget for arts and arts education programs across the state. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma, other states reach \$17-plus billion settlement with Meta

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Oklahoma is one of the more than 40 states in a landmark \$17.1 billion dollar settlement with Meta Platforms regarding the company’s harmful features to children and teens on Facebook and Instagram. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma Voice: Meta to pay 47 states up to \$17.1B in landmark child safety settlement

Meta, the owner of Facebook and Instagram, on Wednesday agreed to pay 47 states, the District of Columbia, and a handful of U.S. territories, up to \$17.1 billion in penalties over claims that its social media platforms are addictive and a danger to children. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma braces for Trump's increase in beef imports

Oklahoma beef producers and government officials are trying to prepare for the increase in beef imports President Donald Trump announced. [Read more.](#)

Another new CEO hired to lead Oklahoma regional university system

The board that governs six of Oklahoma's regional universities has hired its third new chief executive officer in two years. [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
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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