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Overview of State Senate and State House

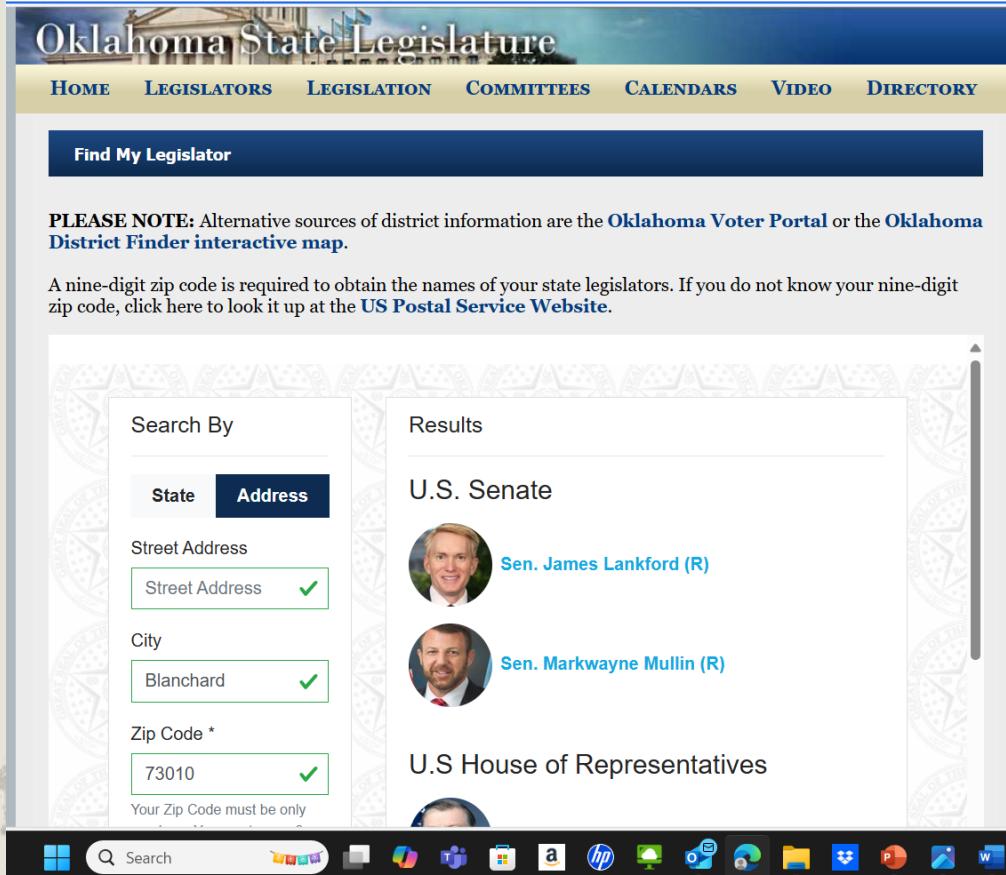


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2026 Elections

Dates



April 1-3, 2026 _____ **Filing For Office**

June 16, 2026 _____ **Primary**

August 25, 2026 _____ **Runoff**

November 3, 2026 _____ **General**



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2026 Elections

State Senate

- Half (24) of the 48 state senate seats are up for re-election each cycle. (***even numbered***)
- Currently, Republican Senators hold a 40 to 8 advantage over Democrats.

Senators Term Limit (3)

- **Sen. Darcy Jech, R-Kingfisher, SD 26**
- **Sen. Shane Jett, R-Shawnee, SD 17**
- **Sen. Casey Murdock, R-Felt, SD 27**

Senator Not Running (1)

- **Sen. Darrell Weaver, R-Moore, SD 24 – *running for Lt Governor***



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State House

- ALL 101 House members are up for re-election every two years
- Republican House holds an 80 to 21 advantage over democrats.

House Term Limited Seats (5)

- **Rep. Chad Caldwell**, R-Enid, HD 40
- **Rep. Chris Kannady**, R-OKC, HD 91
- **Rep. Mark Lepak**, R-Claremore, HD 9
- **Rep. Ken Luttrell**, R-Ponca City, HD 37
- **Rep. John Pfeiffer**, R-Orlando, HD 38 – *running for Labor Commissioner*

House Members Not Running (6)

- **Rep. Brad Boles**, R-Chickasha, HD 38 – *running for Corp Comm*
- **Rep. Eddy Demsey**, R-Valliant, HD 1
- **Rep. Brian Hill**, R-Yukon, HD 37 – *running for Lt. Governor*
- **Rep. JJ Humphrey**, R-Lane, HD 19 – *running for Lt. Governor*
- **Rep. Cyndi Munson**, D-OKC, HD 85 – *running for Governor*
- **Rep. Kevin West**, R-Moore, HD 54 – *running for Labor Commissioner*



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2026 Elections

All Statewide Races

- **Governor Kevin Stitt**
- **Lt Governor Matt Pinnell**
- **Attorney General Gentner Drummond** (*running for Gov*)
- **Insurance Comm Glen Mulready**
- **Auditor & Inspector Cyndy Bird** (*running for Lt. Governor*)
- **State Superintendent Lindel Fields**
- **Corporation Comm Todd Hiett**
- **Labor Comm Leslie Osborn**
- **Treasurer Todd Russ** (*up for re-election*)



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2026 Elections State Questions

On the June 16, 2026 Ballot

- **Oklahoma State Question 832 - \$15 Minimum Wage Initiative**
 - A **"yes"** vote supports the following: increasing the minimum wage to \$12 in 2027, \$13.50 per hour in 2028, \$15 per hour in 2029, and adjusting future increases based on changes to inflation.

Potential Ballot Measure:

- **State Question 836 – Electoral Systems – still collecting signatures**
 - Would establish open primaries for statewide and county offices, district attorney, state legislators, and congressional candidates, where candidates for an office appear on one ballot regardless of party with top-two vote-getters moving forward to the general election



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Special Election Update

House District 38 (formerly Rep. Ty Burns' seat)

- The special general election to fill House District 38, includes Pawnee, Payne, Creek, Noble and Osage counties, is set for **February 10**.
- **Candidates in General Election**
 - **Republican Candidate: Dillion Travis**, R-Maramec, owns and operates Southern Plains AG-CO, an agricultural business that serves farmers across four states, and runs a large cattle and hay operation in Maramec.
 - **Democrat Candidate: Luke Kruse**, D-Glencoe, is the only Democrat to file for his party's nomination. He has served as a tenured professor at Northern Oklahoma College for nearly two decades, where he teaches political science and history. He also serves as a volunteer football coach. His website is listed as being under construction.



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Overview

- **Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners**
- **Scope of Practice**
- **Tort Reform**
- **Pain Management**
- **MCO's and Health Insurance**



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Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

- **SB 1557 - Rosino, Paul (R)** - Expands authority over behavior analyst licensing, discipline, and background checks for the Board of Osteopathic Examiners, transferring such duties from the Dept. of Human Services.
- **SB 1984 Haste, John(R)** – OSBOE Clean up Bill = Revises the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act by expanding board authority, licensure processes, and disciplinary standards.
- **CARRYOVER - SB 874 – Hall, Chuck(R)** - Professions and occupations; transferring certain administration to Service Oklahoma by certain date.
- **CARRYOVER - SB 1041 - Daniels, Julie(R)** - Practice of osteopathic medicine; removing certain limitation on appointees to the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. Effective date.



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Scope of Practice

- **HB 4430** - Hilbert, Kyle(R) - Establishes liability and compliance standards for physician assistants acting under supervision, deeming such assistants employed by a state agency or facility covered under the Governmental Tort Claims Act to be in compliance with requirements.
- **HB 4431** - Hilbert, Kyle(R) - Declares that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses employed by state agencies and facilities which are subject to the Governmental Tort Claims Act are deemed to be in compliance with malpractice insurance requirements.



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Scope of Practice

- **CARRYOVER - SB 741** - Gollihare, Todd(R) - Practice of pharmacy; allowing pharmacist to test for and initiate drug therapy for certain minor, nonchronic health conditions. Effective date.
- **SB 1567** - Stanley, Brenda (R) - Changes how APRNs are supervised and how they gain independent prescribing authority



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Tort Reform

2025

Noneconomic Damages Cap (SB 453): Reinstates a cap on "pain and suffering" damages, generally setting a \$500,000 limit for bodily injury and a \$1 million limit for permanent, severe mental injury. The cap does not apply if the defendant acted with gross negligence, fraud, malice, or if the plaintiff suffered a permanent and severe physical injury.

CARRYOVER - SB 833 - Daniels, Julie (R) Personal injury suits; stating criteria to determine satisfaction of certain financial obligation; authorizing certain admissible amount. Effective date.



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Pain Management

- **HB 4436**— Moore, Anthony (R) – Creates the Professions and Occupations Interventional Pain Act
- **CARRYOVER HB 2148** - Kannady, Chris(R) - Establishes standards and requirements for pain management clinics, requiring them to register with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control except under specific circumstances.



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MCOs & Insurance

- **HB 4453** - Newton, Carl(R) - Creates a Health Care Cost Transparency Board within the Insurance Dept. to oversee and manage data related to health care costs.
- **HB 4460** - Newton, Carl(R) - Health insurance; terms; patient protection; health plan responsibilities; requirements for payment; clinicians and hospitals; enforcement
- **HB 4462** - Newton, Carl(R) - Health insurance; prior authorization; utilization review organizations; insurers; exemptions; effective date.



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MCOs & Insurance

- [SB 1967](#) Mann, Mark (D) - Regulates use of artificial intelligence tools in health care utilization review and limits their role in medical necessity decisions
- [SB 2129](#)- Bullard, David (R) - Health insurance; creating Employer Health Plan Transparency Act; prohibiting health plans from entering certain contracts; prohibiting certain contract provisions.



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DO Day at the State Capitol

Monday, March 30, 2026

OOA Legislative Reception

Monday, March 30, 2026

5:00 – 7:00p.m.

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