

# State questions to appear on August ballots

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Initiatives, referendums and legislative referendums are filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State. When a State Question qualifies to be on the ballot, the Secretary of State notifies the State Election Board of the State Question number, the ballot title, and the date of the election.

Four state questions are headed to voters within the next few months.

Two state questions have qualified for the August 25 election. They are State Question 844 and State Question 846.

## SQ 844

State Question 844 would amend article 10, section 6B of the Oklahoma Constitution. Section 6B incentivizes manufacturers to locate, expand, or acquire manufacturing facilities in Oklahoma through a five-year property tax exemption.

Currently the state must reimburse common schools, county governments, cities and towns, and many other local entities for revenues lost to these exemptions. SQ 844 authorizes the legislature to enact laws establishing the levels and methodologies of reimbursement for the previously mentioned entities resulting from the exemption.

The measure will have a fiscal impact on the state that will depend on the application of the levels and methodologies adopted by the legislature. A yes vote would approve the proposal.

## SQ 846

State Question 846 will also appear on the August 25 ballot. This measure adds a new section to the state constitution that

requires proof of identity to vote in any election authorized by law and conducted by a county or state election board.

The measure requires proof of identity for all authorized methods of voting and requires the legislature to enact laws to specify requirements for proof of identity. The measure will not have a fiscal impact. A yes vote would approve the proposal.

Two other state questions have qualified for the November 3 election.

## SQ 845

State question 845 would amend the state constitution, changing the judicial nominating commission's structure. Currently, appointments are based on congressional districts. If approved, appointments to the 15-member commission will be as follows: the governor will appoint six members, the Oklahoma Bar Association will appoint six members, and no less than eight members would select three at-large members.

The measure will permit any number of the commissioners to be licensed attorneys in Oklahoma or another state. The non-at-large members would serve a two-year term and all other commissioners would serve a six-year term. Restrictions on political party membership for members appointed by the governor and at-large members would be removed. The measure also allows a commissioner to succeed him- or herself. A yes vote would approve the proposal.

## SQ 847

The final question in this year's voting schedule would be State Question 847, which would also impact the state

constitution. Currently, section 8B limits annual growth in fair cash value to five percent for most real property or three percent for homesteads and agricultural land. If approved, the measure would limit annual growth in fair cash value for the 2027 tax year and after to four percent for most real property or 1.75 percent for homesteads and agricultural land.

Currently, section 8C prohibits any increase of homestead property for persons age 65 or older or whose income does not exceed certain limits, sometimes referred to as the "senior freeze." Instead of prohibiting any increase in fair cash value for those homesteads, there would be an annual limit of 1.75 percent increase.

The measure eliminates the income cap on gross household income to qualify for the senior freeze. If approved, the annual limit on increase would be tied to gross household income the homestead owner had in the preceding year. If a homeowner's gross household income from the previous year was at or below the median income for their county or area, a homeowner's homestead fair cash value cannot be increased.

If the income amount was in excess of certain thresholds, the limit of increase in value for those owned by persons 65 or older would range from 0.35 percent to 1.75 percent, based upon income. If passed, this measure would have a fiscal impact on the state, but the exact impact is unknown. A yes vote would approve the proposal.

All registered voters are eligible to vote on state questions regardless of their political party.

## Time to request absentee ballot for August runoff election

Voters in Love County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the August 25 Runoff Primary Election should apply now.

"Absentee ballots are available to all registered voters, provided they are eligible to vote in the election requested," said Love County Election Board Secretary Carol Wolfe. "No excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot."

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. Monday, August 10.

Voters can submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at [oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp](http://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp). Request forms are also available at [oklahoma.gov/elections](http://oklahoma.gov/elections) and at the Love County Election Board Office located at 405

West Main Street, Suite 103.

Wolfe reminds voters to allow time for an absentee ballot to be received, completed, and returned by mail to the county election board.

"With some exceptions, all absentee ballot affidavits must be notarized before being returned," said Wolfe. "Voters should give themselves plenty of time to make sure all steps have been followed and that the ballot is returned correctly in order to be counted."

Voters exempt from having an absentee ballot affidavit notarized include those who are physically incapacitated and those who care for physically incapacitated individuals who cannot be left alone.

Voters who request a physi-

cally incapacitated ballot must have their absentee ballot affidavit witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and residents living overseas, along with their spouses and dependents, are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact the Voting Services Officer in their unit for an Absentee Ballot Application.

Residents living overseas may obtain absentee ballot applications from any U.S. military installation or U.S. embassy or consulate.

Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at [oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp](http://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp). Those who need to complete a new voter registration application should apply through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the Love County Election Board office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

## Voter

board or postmarked no later than midnight, July 31. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted but will not be processed until after the August 25 election. Applications may also be submitted to any motor vehicle agency that is an official voter registration agency by the submission deadline.

Applicants will be notified in writing when their application has been processed. Approved voters will receive a Voter Identification Card in the mail.

Some may receive a letter explaining the reason(s) the application could not be approved. Those who do not receive a response within 30 days of submitting their application should contact the county

election board office immediately.

The Love County Election board reminds voters that applications must be approved by the secretary of the county election board in order to vote.

Registered voters who have moved to Love County from a different county or state will need to complete and submit a new Voter Registration Application in order to update their voter registration.

New applicants may register to vote using the OK Voter Portal's Online Voter Registration System at [oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp](http://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp). A current and valid Oklahoma Driver License or state ID is required for online registration.

Voter Registration Ap-

plications can also be downloaded from the state election board website at [oklahoma.gov/elections](http://oklahoma.gov/elections) or obtained from a county election board office.

Applications are also available at most tag agencies, post offices, and public libraries.

If you have moved within the county and need to update your address, you may make changes online using the OK Voter Portal or complete a paper Voter Registration Application.

The Love County Election Board is located at 405 East Main Street, Suite 103, and is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions, contact the election board office at (580) 276-2242.

## Paint a 3D dinosaur at the Love County Library

Technology, creativity and prehistoric reptiles collide at Love County Library.

Join us for Paint a Dinosaur at 3 p.m. Friday, July 24.

Children ages 10 through 18 will learn about how the 3D printer works and then paint a 3D printed dinosaur of their choice.

Signing up is recommended

as limited space is available.

"There's nothing quite like watching kids learn and create at the library," said Library Branch Manager Neshia Crane.

"Our goal is to encourage children to bring dinosaurs to life with a splash of color and a spark of imagination."

The Summer Reading Pro-

gram is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

For more information or

to sign up, contact the Love County Library at (580) 276-3783, or visit the library at 500 South Highway 77 in Marietta.

The Love County Library is a branch of the Southern Oklahoma Library System.

## Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, **Case No. PB-2026-24**  
DANNY KEITH GRAY, a/k/a DANNY K. GRAY, a/k/a DANNY GRAY, deceased (Judge: Todd Hicks)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(57 O.S. § 331, 331.1, 331.2)

To the Creditors of: DANNY KEITH GRAY, a/k/a DANNY K. GRAY, a/k/a DANNY GRAY, deceased.

All creditors having claims against DANNY KEITH GRAY, a/k/a DANNY K. GRAY, a/k/a DANNY GRAY, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to SHANON LETTE, Personal Representative, at the law offices of Prestidge Law Office, addressed to Margaret L. Prestige, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: **AUGUST 25, 2026**, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this the 1st day of July 2026.

/s/ Margaret L. Prestige  
Margaret L. Prestige, OBA 19693  
Prestidge Law Office  
705 S. Mustang Road, Box 308  
Yukon, OK 73099  
(405) 577-7703-Office  
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meg@prestidgelawoffice.com-email

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

In accordance with 62 O.S. 2021, § 354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 16 of Love County, Oklahoma, will receive bids by: sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 21st day of July, 2026, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the South STEM Classroom, Administration Building, Marietta Public Schools, 408 Indian Way, Marietta, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$1,325,000 of General Obligation Building Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$1,325,000 annually in two (2) years from their date. The bids will be opened and read and shall be awarded at the first Board of Education meeting held after the bids are due.

Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder presenting the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this 29th day of June, 2026.

Brett Harris  
Clerk, Board of Education  
(SCHOOL DISTRICT SEAL)

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## Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of JOY DAVIDSON, Deceased. No. PB-26-23

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF JOY DAVIDSON, DECEASED:

All persons having claims against JOY DAVIDSON, Deceased, are required to present the same with the necessary vouchers, to the Personal Representative of the following address:

TAMMY GLASCOCK, P.R.  
c/o John T. Nelson  
P.O. Box 765  
Anadarko, OK 73005

On or before the following presentment date: **August 21, 2026** or the same will be forever barred.

WITNESS my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026

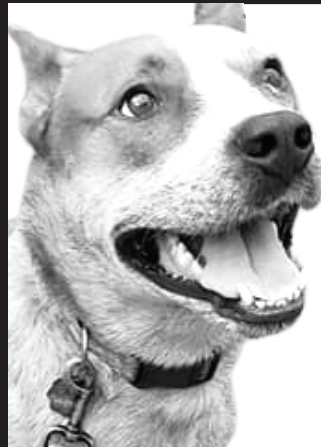
/s/ John Nelson  
JOHN NELSON, OBA #36331  
Buzbee, Upchurch, Squires, & Eastwood  
203 W. Broadway/P.O. Box 765  
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005  
(405) 247-2568 (Telephone)  
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