## *Sample Ballots*

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**
**GENERAL ELECTION**
**November 03, 2026**
**LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

**SAMPLE**

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**TO VOTE:**
FILL IN THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE(S) LIKE THIS:

Correct Incorrect

**STRAIGHT PARTY**
A straight party vote is a vote for all candidates of that party in partisan races.

**STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ REPUBLICAN
- ☐ DEMOCRATIC
- ☐ LIBERTARIAN

**STATE OFFICERS**

**FOR GOVERNOR**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ MIKE MAZZEI REPUBLICAN
- ☐ CYNDI MUNSON DEMOCRAT
- ☐ ORLANDO LYNN BUSH INDEPENDENT
- ☐ ROBERT E BROOKS SR INDEPENDENT
- ☐ JERRY GRIFFIN INDEPENDENT

**FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ T. W. SHANNON REPUBLICAN
- ☐ KELLY FORBES DEMOCRAT

**FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ JON ECHOLS REPUBLICAN
- ☐ NICK COFFEY DEMOCRAT

**FOR STATE TREASURER**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ CINDY BYRD REPUBLICAN
- ☐ KIEFER PERRY LIBERTARIAN

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ ROBERT FRANKLIN REPUBLICAN
- ☐ JENNETTIE MARSHALL DEMOCRAT

**FOR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ KEVIN WEST REPUBLICAN
- ☐ KEVIN DAWSON DEMOCRAT
- ☐ MIKE HALL LIBERTARIAN

**FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ BOB SULLIVAN REPUBLICAN
- ☐ CRAIG MacINTYRE DEMOCRAT

**FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ BRAD BOLES REPUBLICAN
- ☐ RHONDA EASTMAN DEMOCRAT

**CONGRESSIONAL OFFICERS**

**FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ KEVIN HERN REPUBLICAN
- ☐ N'KIYLA JASMINE THOMAS DEMOCRAT
- ☐ SEVIER WHITE LIBERTARIAN
- ☐ RON MEINHARDT INDEPENDENT
- ☐ CURTIS STINNETT INDEPENDENT

**FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 04**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ TOM COLE REPUBLICAN
- ☐ MITCHELL JACOB DEMOCRAT
- ☐ ROCCO BONACCI INDEPENDENT

**LEGISLATIVE, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY OFFICERS**

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 49**
(Vote for One)
- ☐ JOSH CANTRELL REPUBLICAN
- ☐ DUSTY JO JONES DEMOCRAT

**JUDICIAL RETENTION**
Vote separately on each justice or judge; they are not running against each other.

**JUSTICES OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT**

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 1**
Shall M. JOHN KANE IV of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 4**
Shall TRAVIS V. JETT of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 6**
Shall DANA KUEHN of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 9**
Shall RICHARD B. DARBY of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

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**JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

**COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS DISTRICT 2**
Shall ROBERT L. HUDSON of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS**

**COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 1 - OFFICE 1**
Shall STACIE L. HIXON of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 1 - OFFICE 2**
Shall JANE P. WISEMAN of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 2 - OFFICE 1**
Shall DEBORAH B. BARNES of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 2 - OFFICE 2**
Shall JAMES R. HUBER of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?
- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**STATE QUESTIONS**

**STATE QUESTION NO. 845 LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 378**
This measure amends article 7-B, section 3 of the Oklahoma Constitution, changing the Judicial Nominating Commission's structure. Currently appointments are based on congressional districts as constituted in 1967. If approved, appointments to the fifteen-member Commission will be as follows: 1) Governor appoints six members, including one from each congressional district as of the time of their appointment; 2) the Oklahoma Bar Association appoints six members, including one from each congressional district as of the date of selection; and 3) no less than eight members select three at-large members. The measure will permit any number of the commissioners to be licensed attorneys in Oklahoma or another state. The prohibition against immediate family members from practicing law will be removed. The measure changes terms so that at-large commissioners would serve a two-year term, and all other commissioners would serve a six-year term. Additionally, it removes restrictions on political party membership for members appointed by the Governor and at-large members. The measure also permits a commissioner to succeed himself or herself. Vacancies will be filled in the same manner as a commissioner is appointed or selected for the remainder of the relevant term. This measure will not have a fiscal impact.
Shall the proposal be approved?
- ☐ FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
- ☐ AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

**STATE QUESTION NO. 847 LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 381**
This measure amends article 10, sections 8B and 8C of the Oklahoma Constitution. Currently, section 8B limits annual growth in fair cash value to 5% for most real property or 3% for homesteads and agricultural land. If approved, the measure would limit annual growth in fair cash value for tax year 2027 and after to 4% for most real property or 1.75% for homesteads and agricultural land. Currently, section 8C prohibits any increase in fair cash value of homestead property for persons age sixty-five (65) or older whose income does not exceed certain limits, sometimes referred to as the senior freeze. Instead of prohibiting any increase in fair cash value for these homesteads, there would be an annual limit of 1.75%. The measure eliminates the income cap on gross household income to qualify for the senior freeze. If approved, the annual limit on an increase in fair cash value would be tied to how much 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 (as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's estimated median income amount for the county or metropolitan statistical area), a homeowner's homestead fair cash value cannot be increased. If the income amount was in excess of certain thresholds, the limit on increases in fair cash value for homesteads owned by persons age 65 or older could be 0.35% (income over 100% up to 120%); 0.7% (income over 120% up to 140%); 1.05% (income over 140% up to 160%); 1.4% (income over 160% up to 180%); or 1.75% (income over 180%). If passed, this measure would have a fiscal impact on the state, but the exact impact is unknown.
Shall the proposal be approved?
- ☐ FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
- ☐ AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

# Consideration necessary when marking the ballot

## *SQ 847 looks good at first, but could cause problems*

By Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom
Staff Writer

No one can tell another person how to vote. At this point in the election process, voters probably have a clear picture of who they are voting for, but what about what they are voting for?

This week Love County Treasurer Carla Smith provided information to the county commissioners regarding State Question 847.

Smith hopes that voters will do their homework and understand what passage of 847 will mean.

"This is an exercise in adult homework," Smith said. "Voters need to know exactly what they are voting for and what it means to them personally and to the community."

Smith went on to explain that a "no" vote on SQ847 will mean lower property taxes, which in itself sounds positive for property owners, but it could have detrimental effects on county funding.

"Yes, it means lower property taxes, for some," Smith said. "But, those taxes are where we get the funding for our schools, library, EMS and other essential services."

The loss in funding comes not from directly lowered taxes, but from the lowered tax cap that is applied to property.

Smith explained that even though it does not directly affect road maintenance, it affects entities paying for the labor that does the work.

"If you want to protect your rights and make sure your beliefs are heard, voters really need to know what they are voting for and the impact it will have," Smith said.

Smith's information also indicates 847 will change Oklahoma's property valuation protections for homeowners 65 and older.

State Question 847 will change the current system by establishing income-based limits on increases in fair cash value for qualifying senior-owned homesteads.

Under the proposed system, the senior homestead exemptions would be based on the federal income benchmarks with residents falling into various income categories up to a 1.75 percent maximum increase, the same as non-homestead property.

The measure, though seemingly positive on initial inspection, does not show the whole picture as far as lower tax rates.

Information from the Oklahoma Tax Commission reports the measure could cause property taxes to increase where there are bonds in place, due to the fact bonds are passed on calculated projected growth rates. Reducing the growth could require millage rates to be increased, resulting in higher tax bills.

According to the information sheet Smith provided from the state treasurer's office, Oklahoma already has the 10th lowest overall state and local tax burden in the nation.

Oklahoma residents have a 7.05 percent total tax burden with only 1.78 percent coming from property and individual income tax. Total sales and excise tax is only 3.5 percent.

According to the treasurer's information, there is no revenue to replace the funding from lost tax revenue. That is where counties, schools, towns, community colleges, and emergency services will suffer.

The National Center for Educational Statistics reported in April 2026 that Oklahoma schools operate with fewer resources than neighboring states, which impacts class size, materials and services.

State Question 847 does not simply reduce the property tax, but it lowers the cap on how much the taxable value of property can increase each year.

The current cap for homestead and agricultural property is 3 percent. Commercial and other property is capped at 5 percent. If 847 passes, that cap would mean a 1.75 percent cap for homestead and agricultural property and 4 percent cap for other properties.

Oklahoma Tax Commission calculated the tax revenue lost would jump from $45.8 million in the first year (tax year 2027) to $457.8 million in only 10 years.

Governing agencies which are now dependent on this source of revenue funding could be placed in the difficult position of deciding which, if any essential services would have to be cut.

## *Public Notice*

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY**
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**In the Matter of the Estate of LESLIE FLOYD SPEER, Deceased.** ) **Case No. PB-2026-40**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All creditors having claims against Leslie Floyd Speer, 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 the named Administrator of the Estate: Charles Speer, c/o Kristen L. Speer, LITTLE LAW FIRM, PLLC, P.O. Box 618, Madill, Oklahoma 73446, on or before the following presentment date**: December 28, 2026,** or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 27th day of October, 2026.

/s/ Charles Speer
Charles Speer, Administrator

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