

OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III - SUFFRAGE

SECTION III-1

Qualifications of electors.

Subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may prescribe, all citizens of the United States, over the age of eighteen (18) years, who are bona fide residents of this state, are qualified electors of this state.

Added by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978.

NOTE: A prior Section 1 of Article III was repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-1A. Repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-2

State Election Board - Creation - Membership.

The Legislature shall create a State Election Board to be charged with the supervision of such elections as the Legislature shall direct. Not more than a majority of the members of said Board shall be selected from the same political party.

Added by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on November 7, 1978.

NOTE: A prior Section 2 of Article III was repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-3

Mandatory primary system - Nomination of candidates.

The Legislature may enact laws providing for a mandatory primary system which shall provide for the nomination of all candidates in all elections for federal, state, county and municipal offices, for all political parties, except for the office of Presidential Elector, the candidates for which shall be nominated by the recognized political parties at their conventions. The Legislature also shall enact laws providing that citizens may, by petition, place on the ballot the names of independent, nonpartisan candidates for office, including the office of Presidential Elector.

Added by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on November 7, 1978.

NOTE: A prior Section 3 of Article III was repealed by State Question No. 517, Legislative Referendum No. 215, adopted at election held on Nov. 2, 1976. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1976, p. 585, H.J.R. No. 1034.

SECTION III-4

Manner of holding and conducting elections - Registration of electors.

The Legislature shall prescribe the time and manner of holding and conducting all elections, and enact such laws as may be necessary to detect and punish fraud in such elections. The Legislature may provide by law for the registration of electors throughout the state and, when it is so provided, no person shall vote at any election unless he shall have registered according to law.

Added by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on November 7, 1978.

NOTE: A prior Section 4 of Article III was repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-4a. Repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-5

Free and equal elections - Interference by civil or military power - Privilege from arrest.

All elections shall be free and equal. No power, civil or military, shall ever interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage, and electors shall, in all cases, except for treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance on elections and while going to and from the same.

Added by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on November 7, 1978.

NOTE: A prior Section 5 of Article III was repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-6. Repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.

SECTION III-7. Repealed by State Question No. 531, Legislative Referendum No. 224, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Repeal was proposed by Laws 1978, p. 895, H.J.R. No. 1025.