

# Senate Journal

## First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

First Legislative Day, Tuesday, January 5, 2021

### COMMUNICATION

November 23, 2020

The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt  
Governor, State of Oklahoma  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Stitt,

Over the last six years, it has been my sincere honor to serve and represent the constituents of Senate District 22. I have done my best to be a voice for voters in Piedmont, Yukon, NW Oklahoma City and Edmond, and they believed in me enough to elect me twice to this senate seat.

I'm pleased to have been a part of so many positive changes during my tenure. In 2016, voters passed State Question 792, supporting alcohol modernization which opened the door for new businesses and opportunities across Oklahoma, resulting in nearly 5,000 new jobs. With the passage of State Question 788 and the successful enactment of HB 1269, of which I was the Senate author, Oklahoma is working to reduce our mass incarceration rates and the related fiscal and social costs that go with it. I'd be remiss if I did not mention supporting the largest increase in public education funding in the history of our state in 2018 totaling almost half a billion dollars, and the subsequent passage of an additional \$120M in 2019 which you championed.

But more important than these, are the families who have been impacted by legislation I carried. Two bills in particular, one which standardized investigations following the sudden, unexplained death of infants in Oklahoma, and the second which delayed the release of autopsy reports to the media so next of kin would be given time to process the information contained in the reports, are some of my proudest moments of service.

On November 3, 2020, voters of Congressional District Five elected me to serve the State of Oklahoma in the United States House of Representatives. As such, pursuant to 26 O.S. § 12-119, I hereby irrevocably tender my resignation from the elected position of State Senator for District 22. Such resignation shall not become effective immediately, but shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Thank you for your service to our state and for the service of your family. I look forward to our continued work together to move Oklahoma forward.

Blessings,  
/s/ Stephanie Bice

Pursuant to Article V, Section 26, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the Senate of the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature assembled in its Chamber at 12:00 noon.

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, called the Senate to Order.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Josh Kouri, Frontline Church, Oklahoma City, the guest of President Pro Tempore Treat.

The roll call was ordered on the twenty-two hold over members of the Senate:

Present: Allen, Boren, Bullard, Coleman, David, Dossett (J.J.), Floyd, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kirt, Leewright, Montgomery, Quinn, Simpson, Stanley, Thompson and Weaver.—20.

Excused: Brooks and Young.—2.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell directed the following Communication from the State Election Board be read on the certification of the newly elected member of the Senate.

August 10, 2020

The Honorable Greg Treat  
President Pro Tempore, Oklahoma State Senate  
State Capitol  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

This is to certify that on July 7, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. 2011 § 12-109, the State Election Board issued a Certificate of Election to Zack Taylor, the nominee of the Republican Party, for the office of State Senator, District 28, following the certification of the results for the June 30, 2020, Primary Election. Only Republican candidates filed for this office so a General Election is not required.

I herewith transmit to you the official returns of the votes cast at the Primary Election for State Senator, District 28, held on June 30, 2020.

ZACK TAYLOR	Republican	Seminole	5,681
MIKE HAINES	Republican	Stroud	3,197
CHRISTIAN FORD	Republican	Chandler	698

Sincerely,

/s/Paul Ziriak, Secretary  
State Election Board

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell directed the following Communication from the State Election Board be read on the certification of the newly elected members of the Senate.

November 20, 2020

The Honorable Greg Treat  
President Pro Tempore  
Oklahoma State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 422  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

Upon the face of the returns of the General Election, November 3, 2020, certified to this office by the several County Election Boards of the State, the candidates named in the list attached appear to have been regularly elected as Members of the Oklahoma State Senate for the districts indicated.

Certificates of Election have been issued to them by this Board, entitling each to participate in the preliminary organization of the Senate.

NAME	POL.	ADDRESS	DIST. NO.
Micheal Bergstrom	R	Big Cabin	1
Blake Cowboy Stephens	R	Tahlequah	3
George H. Burns	R	Haworth	5
Warren Hamilton	R	McCurtain	7
Dewayne Pemberton	R	Muskogee	9
Kevin Matthews	D	Tulsa	11
Greg McCortney	R	Ada	13
Rob Standridge	R	Norman	15
Shane David Jett	R	Shawnee	17
Roland Pederson	R	Burlington	19
Tom J. Dugger	R	Stillwater	21
Lonnie J. Paxton	R	Tuttle	23
Joe Newhouse	R	Broken Arrow	25
Casey Murdock	R	Felt	27
Zack Taylor	R	Seminole	28
Julie Daniels	R	Bartlesville	29
Chris Kidd	R	Ringling	31
Nathan Dahm	R	Broken Arrow	33
Jo Anna Dossett	D	Tulsa	35
Cody Rogers	R	Tulsa	37
Dave Rader	R	Tulsa	39
Adam Pugh	R	Edmond	41
Jessica Garvin	R	Duncan	43
Paul Rosino	R	Oklahoma City	45
Greg Treat	R	Edmond	47

Sincerely,

/s/Paul Ziriak, Secretary  
State Election Board

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell announced that the Official Oath of Office, as required by the Constitution, was administered to one newly elected member on August 4, 2020, twenty newly elected members on November 16, 2020, and four newly elected members on December 8, 2020, by Chief Justice Noma Gurich of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell ordered the roll called on the newly elected members of the Senate.

Present: Bergstrom, Burns, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett (J.A.), Dugger, Garvin, Hamilton, Jett, Kidd, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Standridge, Stephens, Taylor and Treat.—25.

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell declared a quorum present.

## **ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

Senator David moved that Senator Greg Treat be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-eighth Legislature. Senator Floyd seconded the nomination and moved that the nominations cease.

The motion was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Present: Allen, Bergstrom, Boren, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett (J.J.), Dossett (J.A.), Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Simpson, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Treat and Weaver.—45.

Excused: Brooks and Young.—2.

Vacancy: District 22.—1.

Having been duly elected by the majority of the members of the Senate, Senator Treat was declared the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-eighth Legislature.

Senator David moved that the President appoint a committee to escort President Pro Tempore Treat to the President's desk.

The motion was declared adopted and the President appointed Senators Allen and Simpson as the committee.

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell, on behalf of the Senate, congratulated President Pro Tempore Treat and handed the gavel to the President Pro Tempore.

President Pro Tempore Treat delivered the following address:

Being Pro Tempore of the Senate is one of the greatest honors of my life, but the greatest title I have is of husband and a father. Today is emotional, I'm joined today by Maressa, the love of my life. Thank you for encouraging me, thank you for supporting me and thank you for being an excellent wife and excellent mother to our 3 children, Mason, Cooper and Olivia. They have grown up in this chamber and they don't know life outside this chamber. They all consider you friends, family and that is not just the members, that's the staff of the Oklahoma State Senate and all the people that call this their office. Thank

you for loving and supporting my family through this journey. I want to thank my family members who are in the gallery, my mother in law Kathie McCarroll and her husband Jeff, my wife's aunt Jeannie Boozer who has been there along the way with her husband Mark, and Chris Amason, Maressa's uncle, who is the newly elected sheriff in Cleveland County and we've got many friends and many more watching online who I consider family. Thank you for all your love and support, thank you for being here.

Pastor Josh Kouri who is an awesome leader at Frontline Church. I'm blessed to be a part of the Frontline family. Maressa and I started going there in 2013 and found our church home immediately when we heard you sharing God's word in a more clear, straightforward way, than we'd ever heard preached before. Thank you for being a part of the Senate family as well. It means a lot that you're always here. It means a lot that you're my pastor and shepherd our family. Thank you to Frontline Church and to Josh Kouri. Thank you to the Senate staff, you all have been handed many challenges over the last few years that I was both Floor Leader and as Pro Tempore and you've handled it professionally, you've handled it with an expedited manner and we've had to change the whole world last year and you all did so beautifully. So, thank the Senate staff, and thank you to the Pro Tempore staff who makes a disorganized person, such as myself, appear organized from time to time, and keeps me in line. Thank you to my staff. It means a great deal to me that you serve the state in the way that you do. Thank you to you all my colleagues, my friends and my fellow senators. I appreciate and love each one of you and love serving the state of Oklahoma alongside of you all. Thank you to Senator Floyd. The Democratic leader and I get along extremely well, talk regularly and I think she really models great leadership for her caucus and for the State of Oklahoma, so thank you.

Before I get into the meat of what I want to talk about today we've lost several people since the last time we joined or part of the same family I just want to take a moment to recognize them before I get into my remarks. We lost Senator Brooks Douglass, who was here with us last session with his son who was able to page. He served the Senate from 1991 to 2002. We lost Senator Mark Snyder, who I worked with closely when I was on staff. From 1988 to 2004, he served the Oklahoma State Senate. We lost Senator J. Berry Harrison who served from 1991 to 2006, and we lost Senator Bill Branch who served from 1981 to 1988. We also lost another member of the family that I want to focus on a little bit more before I get into my remarks and that's Dorothy Jenkins, who used to sit behind the chamber here, operated the switchboard and served the Oklahoma Senate with great honor. The last conversation I had with her, she was on the 2nd floor outside the new committee room and she said: "Greg, I can't wait to see the light again, I want to get back on the 4th floor to see the light." She has seen the light, she's in heaven now and she was a tremendously gifted individual, who used her talents here in the Senate well. As I was at her funeral, I couldn't help as they were going through her obituary thinking how awesome a place this is. She was a Union Leader. I was a right to work guy. She was a Democrat Party chair for Cleveland County. I've been a lifelong Republican. But this building and this chamber brought people together that just wanted to serve their fellow man and Dorothy did it beautifully. This is such a special place and let us not ever forget that. I appreciate her service, I appreciate all those people who served in the Senate who lost their lives this session, let us remember them and act toward each other with kindness and with love.

Today, I want to talk about three things and then we'll get on with business. I want to talk about service, respect and curiosity. To serve as a senator is a distinct honor, it's one that very few Oklahomans have ever had a chance to do, it's one very few Oklahomans will ever have the chance to do. So never take your seat here for granted. You know, success is not guaranteed. We're all just in this position for a short while. Sometimes we use the word service, or public service, or public servant, to avoid calling ourselves politicians. None of us want to call ourselves politicians, so we say "No, we're in public service" or "We are in service to our fellow man." But I want to look at how scripture talks about service and Jesus when he was talking to his disciples in Mark 10:42-45. Right before this James and John had been somewhat quarreling over setting at the right and left hand of Jesus. And Jesus gathered the disciples and he called them and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Let our service look like that.

I pray that this body, myself included, become true servants of our communities, of our people and of each other. Let us not lord it over each other, the title that we've been granted.

Respect. One of my favorite authors of all time is CS Lewis and the favorite quote that I have probably recited in this chamber, but I will recite it again because I think it needs to be heard again, "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with. Marry, snub, and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority and no presumption." Let us live our lives in that way in this chamber. I challenge each of us to treat each other with the knowledge that we are not dealing with mere mortals, but people who have immortal souls.

Curiosity. "Be curious not judgmental." Some of you, who are more well-read than me, may know that's a quote from Walt Whitman - I did not know that, until I was watching a sitcom called *Ted Lasso*. So, I learned it from Ted Lasso, I didn't learn it from Walt Whitman. If you haven't watched *Ted Lasso* you should, although there is some cursing and inappropriate things. Just fast forward through that. But it's an American football coach who gets recruited to coach soccer in Europe and he ends up in London. My favorite scene of the first season comes at the very end. He's playing darts with a very wealthy man who believes he's superior to him. He's taking Ted Lasso for granted and thinks Ted Lasso is an idiot. He bets with Ted Lasso on a game of darts, and as Lasso is starting to finish darts it becomes readily apparent that he's much better than his opponent thought he was going to be and as he's beating the man, he goes onto a monologue. He quotes the aforementioned quote be curious not judgmental. If the man had been curious, he would have asked the right questions: Where did you grow up? Do you know anything about darts? But he didn't, he looked at the package. He looked at the exterior and judged a man on the outside. He

was not curious. Let us be curious. I challenge you to be curious, not judgmental. We can learn about each other and from each other. We can love each other, and yes, even when we adamantly disagree, let's do it in love. In committees, ask real questions. Don't be afraid of real questions. Get to understand the issue. None of us are experts in every issue we have to deal with in this chamber. In your communities, people don't need to hear how great you are, you need to be reinvigorated by feeling how great the people that you serve are. Get to know that, really know them, not just lip service.

The challenges that we face are real, the disagreements that we have are many. But going into my second term as President Pro Tempore with the Oklahoma Senate, I want to lay down those three challenges. Success, as I will define it, will be: are we following Jesus example of leadership – becoming true servants – are we realizing that we're never dealing with mere mortals – in committee, on the floor, in the community, when we're interacting with Oklahomans – do we realize that they have an immortal soul and deserve to be treated with respect.

In heeding the words of Ted Lasso, or Walt Whitman, if you prefer, “Be curious, not judgmental.” We're only informed as our best questions. Iron truly sharpens iron.” May God bless you, your families, the State of Oklahoma and the United States of America.

## **SENATE RULES**

Senator David moved that the proposed Rules, as distributed, be adopted as the Rules for the Fifty-eighth Legislature, which motion was declared adopted.

The Senate Rules for the Fifty-eighth Legislature read as follows:

# **SENATE RULES FOR THE FIFTY-~~SEVENTH~~ EIGHTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (~~2019-~~ ~~2020~~2021-2022)**

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**BEING THE STANDING RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS OF  
THE STATE SENATE OF OKLAHOMA,  
FIFTY SEVENTH EIGHTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (~~2019-2020~~2021-2022)**

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**RULE 1: AUTHORITY, APPLICATION, PURPOSE,  
INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES**

**RULE 1-1. AUTHORITY AND APPLICATION.** The Oklahoma State Senate hereby adopts these rules pursuant to the authority of Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution. Upon adoption by a majority of the members of the Senate unless and until amended, the following rules shall be the rules for the conduct of business by the Senate.

**RULE 1-2. PURPOSE.** The purpose of the rules is to provide the members of the Senate with uniform, easily understood procedures for the conduct of business.

**RULE 1-3. INTERPRETATION.** When the Senate is in daily session, interpretation of the rules shall be made by the President Pro Tempore or by an elected member of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore as Presiding Officer pursuant to Rule 2-4; when a committee is meeting, interpretation of the rules shall be made by the Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair, of the committee; and at all other times interpretation of the rules shall be made by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Such interpretations shall be final unless an appeal of a ruling is made successfully pursuant to Rule 9-14.

**RULE 1-4. AMENDMENT.** Any Senate Rule may be amended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

**RULE 1-5. SUSPENSION.** Except as provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2, subsection C of Rule 8-30 or paragraph 6 of Rule 8-32, any Senate Rule may be suspended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

**RULE 1-6. MASON’S MANUAL.** For matters not specifically covered under the Senate Rules, the person making an interpretation of the Rules pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1-3 may apply the provisions of Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure.

## **RULE 2: SENATE OFFICERS**

**RULE 2-1. OFFICERS.** Officers of the Senate shall be:

The President, who shall be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma;

The President Pro Tempore, who shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate;

Such other officers as may be designated by the Majority and Minority caucuses; provided, the Majority Caucus shall designate one officer who shall serve as acting President Pro Tempore in the event that the President Pro Tempore vacates the office on a temporary basis. If the President Pro Tempore shall vacate the office on a permanent basis, the officer so designated by the Majority Caucus shall serve as acting President Pro Tempore until such time as the Senate shall elect a new President Pro Tempore;

The Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Senate; and

The Sergeant at Arms, who shall not be a member of the Senate. The Sergeant shall serve at the pleasure of the Senate and shall be appointed to his or her office by the Secretary of the Senate.

**RULE 2-2. ELECTION.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the President Pro Tempore shall be elected by a majority of the members of the Senate when the Senate convenes on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. The Secretary of the Senate shall be elected by a majority of the members following the election of the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 2-3. TERMS.** The terms of all member officers of the Senate shall begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year and such officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen or conclusion of their term of office in the Senate, whichever is earlier; provided, however, that the designee of the Majority Caucus for the office of President Pro Tempore and the designee of the Minority Caucus for the office of Minority Floor Leader shall assume the duties of and have the full authority of their respective offices on the fifteenth day following the General Election.

**RULE 2-4. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.**

**A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.** The President Pro Tempore shall be the chief executive officer of the Senate and shall prescribe all policies not otherwise provided by law or by the rules.

**B. PRESIDING OFFICER.** The President Pro Tempore shall serve as Presiding Officer of the Senate during its daily sessions but may in writing designate other members of the Senate to serve as Presiding Officers at such times as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate. Wherever the title "Presiding Officer" appears in the rules it shall mean

the President Pro Tempore or an elected member of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore as Presiding Officer.

**C. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES.** The President Pro Tempore may refer any matter concerning exercise of the Senate's discretionary powers and duties under Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to a standing committee or select committee, as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

**D. LEADERSHIP STAFF.** The President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to employ a leadership staff, one of whom shall be designated as the "Chief of Staff." Leadership staff shall serve at the discretion of, for such compensation pursuant to law as may be determined by, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the President Pro Tempore.

**E. MANDATORY AUDIT.** The President Pro Tempore shall cause an audit of the Senate's expenditures to be made at least once each fiscal year.

**F. PHYSICAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.** The President Pro Tempore shall be responsible for the physical property of the Senate and for that portion of the Capitol assigned to the Senate.

**G. SENATE LOUNGE AND ANTEROOMS.** The President Pro Tempore may prescribe policies restricting the use of the Senate lounge and any rooms adjoining the lounge or the Senate chamber.

**H. SAFETY AND SECURITY.** The President Pro Tempore is hereby authorized to take such actions as he or she may deem necessary to ensure the safety and security of the members and staff of the Senate and the public.

**RULE 2-5. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.** The President Pro Tempore shall determine the duties to be performed for the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate shall ensure all official records of the proceedings of the Senate and its committees shall be open for public inspection during regular office hours.

### **RULE 3: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE**

**RULE 3-1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE.** Pursuant to Section 9A of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senate shall maintain forty-eight Senate districts.

**RULE 3-2. JUDGING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS; DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.** Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senate shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, may punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member. All questions and disputes on the elections, returns and qualifications of a person elected to the Office of Senator shall be the final jurisdiction of the Senate. A sitting member of the Senate contesting the election,

returns and qualifications of a Senator or person certified by the State Election Board to serve as a Senator shall file the challenge with the Secretary of the Senate. The Senate shall dispose of all challenges or contests in an expeditious manner.

**RULE 3-3. ATTENDANCE.** A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2, a member of the Senate not present during the roll call of Senators shall only be marked as present if the Senator casts a vote in committee or otherwise informs the Secretary of the Senate he or she is present in person in the Senate Chamber. A member of the Senate who is absent from a daily session shall be shown as "excused."

**RULE 3-4. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS.** Each member of the Senate shall be entitled to designate an executive assistant. Executive assistants shall serve at the discretion of, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the individual member of the Senate for whom employed, subject to such policies as may be established by the President Pro Tempore.

## **RULE 4: SENATE EMPLOYEES**

**RULE 4-1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.** The President Pro Tempore shall designate a Chief Operating Officer to be responsible for duties not assigned to the Secretary of the Senate.

1. The Chief Operating Officer, under direction of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to perform routine repairs, maintenance and upkeep on that property and facilities entrusted to the Senate for upkeep and maintenance.
2. The Chief Operating Officer, under direction of the President Pro Tempore, may issue credentials to representatives of the news media and may limit access to the Press Gallery to those members of the news media holding such credentials.

**RULE 4-2. COMPTROLLER.** The Senate shall have an employee acting as Comptroller who shall report to the Chief Operating Officer. The Comptroller shall be responsible for the issuance of all warrants and vouchers and the maintenance of an accurate account of expenditures by the Senate.

**RULE 4-3. SERVICE STAFF.** As authorized in Section 271 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which prescribes the Senate as the sole judge of the number, duties and compensation of its employees, the Chief Operating Officer, subject to the review and supervision of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to employ service staff. Service staff shall be employed according to policies established by the President Pro Tempore and shall receive such compensation pursuant to law as may be determined by, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the President Pro Tempore.

## **RULE 5: CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS**

**RULE 5-1. LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT.** Every Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

**RULE 5-2. DECORUM.** The decorum of members of the Senate and employees of the Senate during the daily sessions of the Senate shall be determined by the Rules of the Senate and shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer.

**RULE 5-3. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.** The use of Senate supplies and equipment is restricted to official Senate business. Questions of compliance shall be resolved by the President Pro Tempore or, at the discretion of the President Pro Tempore, the Rules Committee.

**RULE 5-4. LOBBYISTS.** All lobbying activities in the Senate shall be governed and regulated by law and by the Rules of the Senate.

### **RULE 5-5. CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS.**

A. On the floor during session, appropriate business professional attire, including a suit jacket/blazer, shall be worn by all members of the Senate and other persons granted privileges of the floor, unless otherwise authorized by the President Pro Tempore or Majority Floor Leader. Male members shall wear a tie. Jeans are not considered appropriate business professional attire.

B. Complaints pertaining to employees should be made to the proper authority rather than to the individual. Under no circumstances should complaints pertaining to employees be made on the floor of the Senate, in committee meetings or in other public forums.

C. On the floor during session and in committee, members should endeavor to be congenial and complimentary. Members should avoid personal attacks and dealing in personalities. During public occasions away from the Capitol, members should endeavor to keep personalities out of their discussions and deal with programs, not personalities.

D. The consumption of alcohol is forbidden in the chamber, and any member who is in the chamber in an intoxicated state will be removed by security personnel.

E. It is beneath the dignity of the Senate for members to consume food products in the chamber. Beverages may be consumed from cups of a solid color, and no larger than twenty ounces in size. Cups may reflect the seal of the state of Oklahoma but shall not include a logo.

F. It is beneath the dignity of the Senate for a member to sit upon a desk, or to place his or her feet upon a desk in the chamber.

G. While a Senator is speaking, no Senator should enter into any disturbing private conversation or pass between the speaking Senator and the Presiding Officer. Profane, obscene, or indecent language is discouraged in the Senate and in all standing or special committees of the Senate. The use of cellular telephones, pagers or other audible electronic devices during formal Senate proceedings, either on the floor of the Senate or in committee, is discouraged. No Senator shall record or broadcast, or allow any other person to record or broadcast, any Senate floor proceedings without the express approval of the President Pro Tempore or Majority Floor Leader.

H. A Senator shall address other members with the title "Senator" when addressing one another during formal Senate proceedings either on the floor of the Senate or in committee.

I. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question unless said member is physically present on the floor of the Senate at the time the vote is taken, except as provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2 or as may be provided in subsection B of Rule 8-31.

J. The President Pro Tempore or the Majority Floor Leader shall designate those Senate employees who shall be granted privileges of the floor during any session of the Senate, said employees to be limited to those whose work requires their presence. Any member desiring to bring a guest to the floor of the Senate shall first notify the Majority Floor Leader. No such guest shall enter the chamber until privileges of the floor have been granted pursuant to Rule 8-7.

K. No person other than a member of the Senate shall cause materials to be distributed on each desk in the Senate chamber without first having obtained approval by the Majority Floor Leader. The sponsoring Senator will be identified. Any material so distributed shall be considered a public record from the time of such distribution.

L. Any member who feels that the standards of the Senate are being violated by either a member of the Senate or the staff should seek redress by submitting a complaint to the President Pro Tempore concerning the violation.

## **RULE 6: LEGISLATION**

### **Chapter 1: General Provisions**

**RULE 6-1. LEGISLATION.** Legislation to be considered by the Senate shall be limited to Senate Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions, House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions.

**RULE 6-2. INTRODUCTION.** Except as may be limited by Rule 6-22, Senate Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, Senate Concurrent Resolutions and Senate Resolutions may be introduced at any time beginning on the fifteenth day of November of each even-numbered year and ending at the time of sine die adjournment of the Second Session during the following even-numbered year. Legislation may be introduced by presentation to the Secretary of the Senate, together with as many copies as may be prescribed by the Secretary



of the Senate. Each Senate Bill or Resolution shall be assigned a number by the Secretary of the Senate. House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions may be introduced upon receipt of a message from the House of Representatives advising passage and engrossment of the measure.

**RULE 6-3. FORM.** No legislation shall be introduced in the Senate, except for House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions, unless that legislation shall include a Title and an Enacting or Resolving Clause.

**RULE 6-4. RESTRICTIONS.** Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions shall be considered only for the following purposes:

1. Memorializing Congress, the President of the United States, or an executive agency of the federal government;
2. Communicating with another entity of state government, or a subdivision thereof;
3. Expressing legislative intent;
4. Expressing policies of the Senate; and
5. Such other purposes specifically approved by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 6-5. AUTHORS AND COAUTHORS.** After introduction in the Senate of any bill or resolution, no Senator or Representative shall be shown or removed as author or coauthor on the face of the bill or resolution unless the Senator or Representative shall submit a written or electronic request to be so shown to the Secretary of the Senate or person designated by the Secretary of the Senate. The change in authorship shall be shown on the face of the next official version of the bill or resolution; provided, however, a printed substitute for or an electronic version of a bill or resolution may show in parentheses, and the electronic voting machine may display immediately, any author or coauthor changes that have been submitted.

While a Senate Bill, Senate Joint Resolution or Senate Concurrent Resolution is within the physical control of the Senate, the principal Senate author of the bill or resolution shall have full and complete discretion in determining who the principal House author of the bill or resolution shall be.

**RULE 6-6. DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATION.** No legislation or amendment shall be considered by the Senate unless a copy has been distributed to the desks of all members of the Senate, or has been made available to all members electronically, on a legislative day previous to consideration of the legislation.

**RULE 6-7. FINAL ACTION.** If final action is such as to defeat an amendment, a bill or a resolution, no other amendment, bill or resolution having the same effect and covering the same specific or substantially similar subject matter shall be considered by the Senate during either session of the current Legislature, unless otherwise approved by the President Pro Tempore. Action constituting “final action” includes:

1. Failure of the motion “Do Pass” or “Do Pass as Amended” on a vote in a committee;
2. If a vote is taken on Third Reading or Fourth Reading and the measure fails to receive the required number of votes for passage, and
  - a. no notice is served to reconsider the vote,
  - b. a motion to reconsider the vote fails to prevail or expires, or
  - c. a motion to table the motion to reconsider prevails; or
3. In the case of an amendment, if the amendment fails to receive the required number of votes for adoption or if a motion to table prevails. A motion to adopt House amendments to a Senate bill or resolution shall not be considered final action, except as provided in Senate Rule 8-26.

**RULE 6-8. FINANCIAL IMPACT VERIFICATION.**

A. No amendment, bill or resolution which creates or expands a requirement for insurance coverage provided to state employees by a state agency shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution is accompanied by documentation of the fiscal impact of the proposal on the policyholders and the state agency. The President Pro Tempore shall prescribe procedures for such documentation to be obtained from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, as applicable.

The Chair of a committee to which a bill or resolution subject to the provisions of this subsection is assigned may request the Majority Floor Leader to suspend the provisions of paragraph 4 or 6 of subsection A or paragraph 4 or 6 of subsection B of Rule 6-22; provided, any such suspension shall not suspend or affect any of the remaining dates set forth in Rule 6-22.

B. No amendment, bill or resolution which creates a direct fiscal impact on state tax revenues shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution is accompanied by documentation of the fiscal impact of such amendment, bill or resolution. The President Pro Tempore shall prescribe procedures for such documentation to be obtained from the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 118 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or from another source as designated by the President Pro Tempore.

C. No amendment, bill or resolution affecting a retirement system, as such term is defined in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act, shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution has been submitted to the legislative actuary as provided in the Act, at the direction of the chair of the committee to which such legislation is referred.

**RULE 6-9. NAMING OF STATE ASSETS.** No amendment, bill or resolution shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof which names, dedicates or otherwise memorializes any highway, bridge, state asset or facility unless the persons proposed to be so honored shall have been deceased not less than three (3) years prior to consideration. The prohibition in this rule shall not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces, members of law enforcement or firefighters fallen in the performance of their duties. The prohibition in this rule shall also not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor Medal of Honor recipients both living and deceased. Every amendment, bill and resolution for the dedication of any highway, bridge, other state asset or facility must specifically state the accomplishments upon which the proposal is based.

## **Chapter 2: Legislation Requests and Filing**

**RULE 6-20. RIGHTS TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION.** A Senator shall have the right to introduce legislation at any time without regard to any deadlines which have been placed by rule. Bills filed after the deadlines prescribed in Rule 6-22 must be subject to a change in authorship, however, as outlined in Rule 6-23.

**RULE 6-21. SHELL BILLS PROHIBITED.** No bill (also known as a “shell bill”) shall be filed which fails to effectuate a substantive change in policy.

### **RULE 6-22. DEADLINES FOR BILLS**

A. During the First Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. The First Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~January 8, 2019~~January 5, 2021, for the purpose only of performing the duties set forth in Section 5 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, and shall recess no later than five p.m. on that same day until ~~February 4, 2019~~February 1, 2021, beginning at twelve noon.

2. ~~December 7, 2018~~December 11, 2020, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the First Regular Session.

3. ~~January 17, 2019~~January 21, 2021, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently introduced if reported from

committee, shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

4. ~~February 28, 2019~~February 24, 2021, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from committee in the Senate. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

5. ~~March 14, 2019~~March 11, 2021, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution in the Senate.

6. ~~April 11, 2019~~April 8, 2021, shall be the final legislative day for reporting House bills and House joint resolutions from committee in the Senate. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from Committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

7. ~~April 25, 2019~~April 22, 2021, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a House bill or a House joint resolution in the Senate.

8. The First Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on ~~May 31, 2019~~May 28, 2021.

9. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all deadline dates in the Senate.

B. During the Second Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. ~~December 13, 2019~~December 10, 2021, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

2. ~~January 16, 2020~~January 20, 2022, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the Second Regular Session.

3. The Second Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve o'clock noon on ~~February 3, 2020~~February 7, 2022.

4. ~~February 27, 2020~~March 3, 2022, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from committee in the Senate, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

5. ~~March 12, 2020~~March 17, 2022, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a Senate bill or a Senate joint resolution in the Senate.

6. ~~April 9, 2020~~April 14, 2022, shall be the final legislative day for reporting a House bill or a House joint resolution from committee in the Senate, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

7. ~~April 23, 2020~~April 28, 2022, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a House bill or a House joint resolution in the Senate.

8. The Second Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on ~~May 29, 2020~~May 27, 2022.

9. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all deadline dates in the Senate.

C. This rule shall be inapplicable to any:

1. Joint resolution introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act as set forth in Section 250 et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or for the purpose of disapproving or approving standards adopted by the State Board of Education as set forth in Section 11-103.6a-1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Bill introduced for the purposes of incorporation and merging different versions of a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. Bill or joint resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving, repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution;

4. Bill or joint resolution which proposes a special or local law and for which notice of intended introduction is published in a newspaper for four consecutive weeks pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution;

5. Bill or joint resolution authored by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law;

6. Bill or joint resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety;~~or~~

7. Bill or joint resolution authored by committee(s) pursuant to Rule 6-23; or

8. Bill or joint resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides for redistricting.

D. Paragraph 3 of subsection A and paragraph 2 of subsection B of this rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution which contains an “RB” number pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. Such measures shall be submitted to the legislative actuary not later than the date specified in such paragraphs, and may be introduced not later than the first Monday in February following such submission.

#### **RULE 6-23. COMMITTEE AUTHORSHIP OF BILLS**

A. A member who introduces legislation after the deadlines established in Rule 6-22 may file the legislation and upon assignment by the Majority Floor Leader to committee may ask the committee Chair to allow for the measure to be heard as a measure authored by the committee. Upon majority vote of the committee, the authorship of the measure shall be transferred to the committee from the individual Senator and the deadlines established in Rule 6-22 shall not be applicable. In the event a measure is dually assigned, each committee must agree to assume authorship for the deadlines to not apply.

B. Measures authored by committee shall be exempt from the House author requirements found in subsection G of Rule 7-7. A measure authored by a committee may be heard on General Order and passed on Third Reading without a House author. No individual members, including the original author, may co-author a measure so introduced.

#### **RULE 6-24. PENDING LEGISLATION AT ADJOURNMENT OF FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

A. Any bill or joint resolution pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature shall carry over to the Second Regular Session with the same status as if there had been no adjournment. Bills and joint resolutions pending in a Conference Committee at such time shall not carry over to the Second Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature.

B. Simple and concurrent resolutions pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the ~~57th~~58th Oklahoma Legislature shall not carry over for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

### **RULE 7: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE**

**RULE 7-1. TYPES AND NUMBER.** There shall be two types of Senate committees established by the President Pro Tempore: standing committees and select committees. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of each standing committee and of each select committee.

The President Pro Tempore may establish, and appoint the members of, as many ad hoc subcommittees of each standing committee as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate. There shall be as many select committees as are created by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 7-2. MEMBERSHIP.** Membership on standing committees and on select committees shall be subject to the following:

1. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Majority Caucus members and the Chair and Vice-Chair of each standing committee.

2. The Minority Floor Leader shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Minority Caucus members of each standing committee, other than a Minority Caucus member who is appointed as a Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee by the President Pro Tempore.

3. Membership of standing committees shall be approved by a majority vote of members of the Senate. In the event of a vacancy or extended absence of a member of the Senate, a replacement member may be appointed by the President Pro Tempore or the Minority Floor Leader, as appropriate. Any such appointment shall be approved by a majority vote of members of the Senate.

4. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint all members of select committees.

5. The President Pro Tempore and Majority Floor Leader shall each be ex-officio and voting members of all standing and select Senate committees.

**RULE 7-3. DUTIES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.** The Rules Committee shall determine any policies of the Senate submitted to it by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 7-4. DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.** Each legislative committee shall be responsible for the formulation of legislative programs and determination of non-legislative matters within the jurisdiction prescribed by the President Pro Tempore; shall inquire into the administration and execution of all laws and administrative rules within the same jurisdiction; shall consider such proposals as may be submitted to the committee by the President Pro Tempore; and shall be responsible for the continuing codification of all laws within the prescribed jurisdiction.

**RULE 7-5. DUTIES OF SELECT COMMITTEES.** Select committees shall be responsible for such duties as are prescribed at the time of their formation. No select committee shall be formed without its duties being expressly stated at the time of its formation. If a select committee is appointed for the purpose of conducting an investigation, the Senator requesting the investigation shall not serve as Chair of the committee.

**RULE 7-6. AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES.** Any Senate committee is authorized to issue process, compel attendance of witnesses, and to administer oaths to any person appearing before the committee. Any Senate committee which considers legislation is empowered to consolidate bills or resolutions, to develop committee substitutes for such bills or resolutions, to amend such bills or resolutions and to develop a committee bill or resolution irrespective of any other legislation.

**RULE 7-7. PROCEDURES.** The following procedures shall be observed by all legislative committees of the Senate:

**A. MEETING NOTICES.** Subject to such exceptions as are provided hereinafter, committees of the Senate shall comply with provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. A copy of all notices required by said Act shall be provided to the Chief Operating Officer, who shall designate the appropriate place for such notices to be posted. The Chief Operating Officer shall cause the notice to be posted ~~one such notice on the bulletin board of the Senate located in a place in the Capitol accessible to the public and~~ on the Senate web site and shall take such other actions as may be deemed appropriate to provide adequate notice to the public.

**B. MEETING TIMES.** The Chair of a committee shall schedule meetings of the committee. Meetings at a time other than the regularly scheduled meeting time of a committee shall not conflict with any regularly scheduled meeting of any other committee, except with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

**C. AGENDA.** The agenda for any meeting of a committee shall be set by the Chair and shall include the date, time and place of the meeting. A copy of the agenda shall be provided to members of the committee and to authors of legislation to be considered by the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting unless otherwise approved by the President Pro Tempore. An agenda for a meeting scheduled to meet prior to or during the first three days of session may reflect a measure for which assignment to the committee is anticipated, and the committee may act upon the measure; provided, if the measure is not assigned to the committee during the first three days of session, any committee action on the measure taken prior to or during those days shall be of no force or effect.

**D. QUORUM.** A quorum shall be present when any committee votes on any matter. Any member of a committee may request a quorum call at any time the committee is meeting. A number equal to a majority of the appointed members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

**E. PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair, of the committee, or a designee, shall preside at meetings of the committee. No person shall address the committee unless first recognized for that purpose If the Chair selects a designee, the designee must be a member of the committee.



**F. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.** When considering legislation or conducting other business, committees shall observe the following procedures:

1. When a legislative measure is taken up for consideration, the Senate author shall be recognized for explanation of the measure.

2. Upon prior approval given by the Chair of the committee and subject to time restraints established by the Chair, any testimony from non-members of the committee in favor and/or opposed to the measure may be given. Upon completion of the testimony, each member of the committee may put questions to those testifying before the committee. No testimony shall be given unless questions are made available to the members of the committee.

3. The Senate author shall be given the opportunity to answer questions put by members of the committee.

4. The Senate author or any member of the committee shall be provided the opportunity for presentation of amendments to the legislation. Amendments to any bill or resolution under consideration by a committee or subcommittee shall be germane to the subject of the introduced bill or resolution. Any amendment must be seconded to receive further consideration. A Senate author is prohibited from submitting a committee or subcommittee is prohibited from considering a committee substitute or committee amendment that has the same effect and covering the same specific or substantially similar subject matter found in a bill or resolution assigned to a different Senate committee. Provided, the Senate author or any member of the committee offering a committee substitute must submit the proposed committee substitute in writing or electronically to the Chair no later than noon on the legislative day before the meeting of the committee. The Chair may, at his or her discretion, waive the deadline set forth in this rule. When a committee substitute is submitted, the Chair may approve the substitute to be heard by the committee and the committee substitute shall be considered a public record from the time of such approval.

5. Amendments and motions may be adopted by a voice vote; provided, however, that the Senate author, or any member of the committee, may require a roll call vote.

6. Amendments shall be considered in the order they appear in the legislation, or in the order they are presented to the clerk of the committee; provided, an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause shall be considered after disposition of all other amendments. The Chair or other member presiding shall resolve any conflict resulting from claimed priority of presentation.

~~7. If an amendment to strike the title or enacting clause is approved by the committee, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be stricken.~~

87. The author of an amendment shall explain the amendment and be afforded the opportunity to answer questions about the amendment put by members of the committee or the author of the legislation.

98. Any member may be recognized for debate or comment on the proposed legislation or amendments thereto. Debate may be limited at the discretion of the Chair or other member presiding, provided that equal time must be given to both proponent and opponent sides of debate.

109. The legislation may be laid on the table at the request of the author or at his or her discretion without a vote of the committee to do so. The legislation may be brought back up later in the same or subsequent meetings of the committee provided it is listed on the agenda in compliance with this rule. If the legislation is brought up at a subsequent meeting, consideration of the legislation will recommence with explanation of the measure.

110. The vote on a recommendation by the committee to the Senate concerning a legislative measure shall be by recorded roll call and shall require a majority vote of the members of the committee present and voting, which shall not be less than a quorum, for passage. The only permitted recommendations to the Senate on a legislative measure are “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED”. During any roll call, only a Senator present in the committee room may vote, and every Senator present shall vote. The chair shall request every Senator in the committee room who is a member of the committee and who has not voted to vote. If any Senator so requested fails to vote, other than as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the chair shall, upon declaring the roll, order that said Senator be shown as voting "NO" on the question. Said "NO" vote shall be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the question. If a Senator is present but not voting as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senator shall so inform the chair. In such event, the Senator shall be deemed to be present but not voting, and that Senator's vote shall not be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the question. A tie vote in a committee on the motion of “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED” shall result in failure of the motion. All committee votes reflecting the votes of each member present and voting on the motion of “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED”, and a notation of any member not voting as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, shall be entered in the Journal.

***G. LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS.*** Except for legislation containing appropriations, all legislation originating in the Senate which is considered by a Senate committee shall contain an Enacting or Resolving Clause, and a House author at the discretion of the Chair.

***H. SUBCOMMITTEES.*** The Chair may assign to any subcommittee any legislation, proposal or inquiry; provided, however, no subcommittee shall be permitted to report directly to the Senate, but rather shall report to the parent committee.

**I. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS.** No person shall cause materials to be distributed at any committee meeting without first having obtained approval of the Chair. The person causing the materials to be distributed shall be identified in writing on the face of such materials. Any document or other material distributed to all members of a committee of the Senate during a meeting which is open to the public shall be considered a public record from the time of such distribution.

**RULE 7-8. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.** The President Pro Tempore shall appoint members of the Senate to serve on conference committees with members of the House of Representatives at such times and in such numbers as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

**RULE 7-9. WITHDRAWAL FROM COMMITTEE.** Any bill or resolution may be withdrawn from any committee of the Senate upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. Any bill or resolution so withdrawn shall be on General Order. The provisions of this rule shall not prevent a bill or resolution from being reassigned from one committee to another, from being assigned directly to the calendar, or from being double-assigned as provided in Rule 8-21.

## **RULE 8: FLOOR PROCEDURES**

### **Chapter 1: Galleries, Rights And Privileges**

**RULE 8-1. PRESIDING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY.** A. The Presiding Officer shall maintain order in the Senate. No Senator or other person shall be permitted to address the Senate without first having been recognized by the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer may require a Senator to disclose the purpose of a request for recognition prior to acting upon such request. The Presiding Officer shall immediately recognize the Majority Floor Leader at his or her request notwithstanding the previous request of any other Senator, but otherwise may exercise discretion in granting recognition when more than one Senator seeks recognition.

B. If any Senator or other person permitted to address the Senate, in speaking or otherwise, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall, either on his or her own motion or at the request of any other Senator, call him or her to order; and when a Senator shall be called to order he or she shall take his or her seat, and may not proceed without leave of the Senate, which, if granted, shall be upon motion that he or she be allowed to proceed in order, which motion shall be determined without debate. Any Senator directed by the Presiding Officer to take his or her seat, and any Senator requesting the Presiding Officer to require a Senator to take his or her seat, may offer a substitute ruling as provided in Rule 9-14.

**RULE 8-2. TIME AND PLACE OF DAILY SESSIONS.**

A. On the first Tuesday following the first Monday in January of each odd numbered year, the Senate shall convene in its chamber on the fourth floor of the Capitol at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by Section 5 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of

Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution and shall recess not later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

B. 1. On the first Monday in February of each year, the Senate shall convene in its chamber on the fourth floor of the Capitol at twelve o'clock noon. Thereafter, the Senate shall meet in daily sessions as necessary in the chamber until sine die adjournment. The time of each daily session shall be announced on the preceding legislative day; provided, however, that in the event no such announcement is made, the Senate shall convene at 1:30 p.m.

2. If the Presiding Officer determines that the Senate cannot convene at the date and time announced for a daily session due to a lack of a quorum as required by Rule 8-4, then the Majority Floor Leader or his or her designee shall announce the date and time of the next daily session in writing to all Senators. The written announcement shall also be recorded in the Senate Journal.

C. The Senate may convene in a location other than its chamber, as designated by the President Pro Tempore and upon informing the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the event that the President Pro Tempore determines that an unsafe condition or construction in the State Capitol, a natural disaster or national security emergency prevents the Senate from meeting in its chamber.

D. In the event an emergency exists as outlined in ~~the preceding paragraph~~ subsection C of this Rule, any determination to meet in another location or in the Senate Chamber that prevents all a quorum of Senators from being present to vote or otherwise conduct business, ~~applicable~~ the determination of a member being "present" as specified in Rule 3-3, subsection I of Rule 5-5, paragraph 10 of subsection F in Rule 7-7, subsection B of Rule 8-31, Rule 9-8 and Rule 9-11 shall be ~~suspended with the defined~~ upon a written agreement of the President Pro Tempore and Minority Floor Leader that includes the duration of the agreement ~~specifying the Senate Rules subject to this suspension~~. The agreement shall be recorded in the Senate Journal.

**RULE 8-3. GALLERIES AND HALLWAYS.** The following provisions shall apply with respect to use of and conduct in the Senate gallery and other public areas of the Capitol under the control of the Senate:

1. The President Pro Tempore or a designee is empowered to assign seats in the galleries of the Senate and is empowered to order the galleries and hallways of the Senate cleared to preserve order or to ensure the safety of the members of the Senate;

2. Firearms and weapons are allowed on the Senate floor, in the gallery, or in any Senate area with permission of the Secretary of the Senate;

3. No food or drink shall be allowed in the galleries;

4. No signs shall be allowed in the gallery or committee rooms. No displays which might cause distraction or disturb the decorum of the Senate shall be allowed in the gallery or committee rooms;

5. No cameras or other recording equipment which might cause distraction or disturb the decorum of the Senate shall be allowed in the gallery;

6. Audible expressions of approval or disapproval or other outbursts in the gallery or committee rooms shall not be permitted;

7. Articles carried by visitors may be required to be checked at the door to the galleries or committee rooms by a Senate employee; and

8. Visitors in the galleries, committee rooms and other areas of the Capitol under the control of the Senate shall be required to conduct themselves with dignity and in an orderly fashion.

Whenever a violation of the provisions of this section occurs, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to enforce order on his or her own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator.

**RULE 8-4. QUORUM.** No business of the Senate shall be conducted without a quorum of its members being in attendance, other than a motion to adjourn, adjourn to a time certain, or operate under call of the Senate pursuant to Rule 9-11, made by the President Pro Tempore or a member designated by the President Pro Tempore. A majority of the members elected to the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

**RULE 8-5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The Order of Business for each daily session of the Senate shall be determined by the Majority Floor Leader and shall include:

- Prayer
- Executive Nominations
- General Order
- Third Reading
- House Amendments to Senate Bills and Resolutions
- Conference Committee Reports
- Fourth Reading
- Committee Reports
- Second Reading
- First Reading
- Communications
- Other Business

No business shall be considered by the Senate during the daily session unless it has been approved by the Majority Floor Leader or the President Pro Tempore or unless it is otherwise specifically allowed under the Senate rules.

**RULE 8-6. INTRODUCTIONS.** No persons shall be introduced individually in the galleries, except that a member of the Senate may introduce family members. It shall also

be permissible to introduce officials from other states and countries or other persons approved in advance by the Majority Floor Leader.

**RULE 8-7. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR.** A. No person shall be permitted in the Senate chamber or the lobbies at the front or rear of the chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate except:

1. Members, the Secretary of the Senate and former members of the Senate;
2. Employees of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore;
3. Members of the House of Representatives;
4. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor and former Governors and former Lieutenant Governors;
5. Spouses, children and grandchildren of members of the Senate; and
6. Any person who is permitted on the floor by a majority vote of those present.

B. Provided, however, that the above privileges shall exclude any person registered as a lobbyist as provided by law.

C. All persons permitted in the Senate chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate shall conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5-5.

D. No person other than those specified in this rule shall be permitted in the Senate Lounge, unless accompanied by a member of the Senate.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this rule, the Majority Floor Leader may prohibit any person other than a member of the Senate from entering the Senate chamber or the lobbies at the front or rear of the chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate.

### **Chapter 2: Legislative Procedure**

**RULE 8-20. FIRST READING.** A bill or resolution shall be considered introduced upon First Reading and shall automatically be advanced to Second Reading.

**RULE 8-21. SECOND READING.** The Second Reading of a bill or resolution shall occur the next legislative day following the First Reading. Upon or after Second Reading of a bill or resolution, the same shall be assigned for committee consideration or assigned directly to the calendar. All bills carrying appropriations which are referred to any committee other than the Appropriations Committee shall, immediately upon a report by the committee to which referred, be referred to the Appropriations Committee. Any bill or resolution which is determined to affect the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law may be double-assigned to a

committee other than the Appropriations Committee or the Finance Committee and then to the Appropriations Committee or Finance Committee.

**RULE 8-22. GENERAL ORDER**

***A. PLACEMENT OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.***

1. All bills and resolutions reported by a committee of the Senate or referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order.
2. When a committee report is filed, the clerk shall indicate on the face of the report the date and time the report was filed.
3. A bill or resolution reported from committee shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the second legislative day following the legislative day that a committee report is filed.
4. Bills and resolutions referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the legislative day following the day of such referral.
5. A list of bills and resolutions on General Order, including a copy of the text of such bills and resolutions and the date such bills and resolutions were placed on General Order, shall be published electronically and made available each legislative day to all members of the Senate.
6. To allow opportunity for amendment under Rule 8-23, no bill may be heard until it has been on General Order for a period of at least one (1) legislative day.
7. No bill or joint resolution shall be considered on the Senate floor without a House author.

***B. ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.*** The Majority Floor Leader, or a designee, shall determine the order in which legislation is considered by the Senate. Nothing in this section nor these rules shall be construed as to guarantee a right to a hearing on any legislation.

***C. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.*** On General Order, the following procedure shall be observed:

1. Explanation of the bill or resolution by the Senate author;
2. Questions;
3. Consideration of amendments; and
4. Advancement from General Order to Engrossment and Third Reading.

**RULE 8-23. AMENDMENTS.**

A. Amendments to bills or resolutions shall be in writing and shall be considered only if submitted at least one (1) legislative day prior to consideration on General Order.

B. The Senate shall not consider any proposed amendment not germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. A secondary amendment must be germane to both the primary amendment and the measure which it purports to amend.

~~C. If an amendment to strike the title or enacting clause is approved, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be stricken. If an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause is approved, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be restored unless otherwise directed by the author of the amendment.~~

DC. If any amendment to a bill or resolution is filed as provided in this subsection, a copy of the text of such amendment shall be provided or made available electronically to each member of the Senate.

ED. The provisions of subsection A of this rule shall not apply to an amendment offered by the author of a bill or resolution:

1. To strike the title or enacting or resolving clause; or
2. For any other purpose, subject to the approval of the Majority Floor Leader.

FE. 1. Amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are submitted unless otherwise directed by the Majority Floor Leader; provided, a floor substitute offered by the author of the measure shall be considered first, and an amendment to restore a title or enacting or resolving clause shall be considered after disposition of all other amendments. If a floor substitute is adopted, the Secretary of the Senate shall conform previously submitted amendments to the measure to the floor substitute, if practicable.

2. Once an amendment is read, it shall be explained by its author, who may then answer questions concerning the amendment. If the author of the amendment is not in attendance at the time an amendment is read, the amendment shall be considered withdrawn unless another member of the Senate coauthors the amendment and provides an explanation.

3. An amendment shall be considered a public record from the time it is placed upon the clerk's desk.

GF. After the final vote on third reading of any bill or joint resolution, no amendment to the measure shall be considered, by unanimous consent or otherwise, unless the final vote and advancement of the measure are properly reconsidered according to the Senate Rules.

HG. For any bill which has been recommended to the full Senate by a Senate committee with a stricken title or enacting clause, the title or enacting clause shall not be



restored as part of any other amendment, but an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause may be considered separately. ~~In the event a Floor Substitute adds an emergency, not previously found in the bill, such emergency clause shall be reflected as stricken in the Floor Substitute until the title and proposed emergency clause may be restored in a separate floor amendment.~~

**RULE 8-24. ADVANCEMENT.** Once a motion to advance has been adopted, the bill or resolution shall be considered engrossed and on Third Reading.

**RULE 8-25. THIRD READING.** Upon Third Reading of a bill or resolution, the Senate shall not consider amendments, but shall debate passage of the bill or resolution and then vote upon passage.

**RULE 8-26. HOUSE AMENDMENTS.** Upon receipt of House amendments to Senate bills or resolutions, the Senate author shall make a motion either to accept the amendments, in which case a successful vote on the motion shall automatically advance the bill to Fourth Reading and final passage, or to reject the amendments and request a conference with the House.

If a motion to adopt House amendments to Senate bills or resolutions fails, the Senate author should serve notice before any other business is considered by the Senate, to reject the amendments and request a conference with the House. If notice to reject House amendments is not made, then the legislation is considered to have received final action pursuant to Rule 6-7.

**RULE 8-27. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. Any Conference Committee Report shall be considered by the Senate only when a majority of the Senate conferees and a majority of the House conferees have signed the report and only when the report is limited to matters germane to the bill or resolution.

If the Senate adopts a Conference Committee Report, the bill or resolution shall be before the Senate for Fourth Reading and final passage. If the Senate rejects a Conference Committee Report or a motion to adopt the report fails, the bill or resolution shall be returned to the conference committee. Upon a report by the Senate conferees that the conferees cannot agree, the bill or resolution reverts to its former status of consideration of House Amendments to Senate bills or resolutions.

B. The conference committee report proposed by the Senate author of a measure considered by the General Conference Committee on Appropriations may not be amended during the committee meeting at which the measure is considered.

**RULE 8-28. FOURTH READING.** Upon Fourth Reading of a bill or resolution, debate shall be in order on final passage of the bill or resolution, after which the vote shall occur on final passage. After final passage of a bill or resolution, it shall be signed by the Presiding Officer in open session.

### Chapter 3: Debate and Voting

#### **RULE 8-30. DEBATE.**

A. When a Senator desires to speak, he or she shall rise and address the Presiding Officer, and shall not proceed until recognized, and the Presiding Officer shall recognize the Senator who shall first address the Presiding Officer. No Senator shall interrupt another Senator in debate without his or her consent, and to obtain such consent shall first address the Presiding Officer, and no Senator shall speak more than twice upon any one question in debate on the same legislative day without leave of the Senate, which shall be determined without debate.

B. No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.

C. No Senator shall introduce to or bring to the attention of the Senate during its sessions any occupant in the galleries of the Senate other than those allowed pursuant to Rule 8-6. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor may the Presiding Officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

D. If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall, either on his or her own motion or at the request of any other Senator, call him or her to order; and when a Senator shall be called to order he or she shall take his or her seat, and may not proceed without leave of the Senate, which, if granted, shall be upon motion that he or she be allowed to proceed in order, which motion shall be determined without debate. Any Senator directed by the Presiding Officer to take his or her seat, and any Senator requesting the Presiding Officer to require a Senator to take his or her seat, may offer a substitute ruling as provided in Rule 9-14.

**RULE 8-31. MANNER OF VOTING.** All votes of the Senate shall be by voice vote, division or roll call vote subject to the following:

A. The voting machine shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any question. The machine shall also be used to determine the presence or absence of a quorum. In the event the machine is not operating properly, all roll call votes and determinations of quorums may be taken by calling the roll. The voting machine shall be under the control of the Presiding Officer and shall be operated by a clerk designated by the Presiding Officer.

B. ~~During~~ Except as may be provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2, during any roll call, only a Senator present on the Senate floor may vote, and every Senator present shall vote, except when the President Pro Tempore is not present on the Senate floor but recorded as present pursuant to Rule 3-3 and physically present in the State Capitol, the President Pro Tempore may direct the Presiding Officer to activate the President Pro Tempore's roll call switch in the manner requested by the President Pro Tempore on any question for which a roll call vote is required. During a roll call, the Presiding Officer shall request every

Senator in the chamber who has not voted to vote. If any Senator so requested fails to vote, the Presiding Officer shall, upon declaring the roll, order that said Senator be shown as voting "NO" on the question. Said order shall be printed in the Journal directly following the printing of the results of the roll call as reflected by the voting machine, and said "NO" vote shall be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the question. In all other cases, a Senator who fails to vote shall be shown as "excused" in the Journal, except as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

C. On any question for which a roll call vote is not required, a roll call vote shall be in order only if requested before the question is put. Once the question has been put and a voice vote taken, the Presiding Officer shall state the side that appears to the Presiding Officer to have prevailed, and any member then may request a division, but shall not be entitled to request a roll call vote. The declaration of the vote by the Presiding Officer shall be final.

D. No Senator shall be permitted to vote or change a vote after the result has been announced by the Presiding Officer.

E. If a member's voting machine is inoperative, the member shall rise and advise the Presiding Officer of the malfunction; and the Senator will be permitted to verbally vote on the question; and the vote will then be recorded by the clerk.

F. When a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise at their seats and remain standing until counted; then those voting in the negative shall rise and stand until they are counted, whereupon the Presiding Officer shall declare the result.

**RULE 8-32. RECONSIDERATION OF VOTES.** The final vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading of any bill or joint resolution or on the emergency clause or special election feature or other special feature of any bill or joint resolution may be reconsidered only if a member of the Senate serves notice before any other business is considered by the Senate. Once such notice is served, the following procedures shall be observed:

1. In anticipation of the closing days of a regular session or a deadline for third reading and final passage of a measure in the Senate, a majority of the members of the Senate may vote that all motions to reconsider made thereafter shall be disposed of no later than the day of such deadline or the day set for sine die adjournment.

2. Except as heretofore provided, the member serving notice for reconsideration shall have the exclusive right to make such a motion on the day notice is served and the next two succeeding legislative days; provided, that on the third succeeding legislative day, any member of the Senate shall have the right to make such a motion. If no such motion is made on the third succeeding legislative day, then no reconsideration shall be permitted.

3. If the Senate refuses to reconsider or if, upon reconsideration, affirms the first decision, no further consideration shall be in order.

4. For adoption, a motion to reconsider the final vote on a bill or resolution or on the emergency clause or special election feature or other special feature must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate.

5. A motion to reconsider any other action by the Senate must be made by a Senator who voted on the prevailing side before any other business is considered by the Senate and shall be disposed of on the same day it is lodged. The motion to reconsider shall be decided by a majority of those voting on the question.

6. It shall not be in order for the Senate, by suspension of the Rules or by any other means, to reconsider in the Second Regular Session of a Legislature the vote by which any bill or joint resolution was defeated in the First Regular Session.

#### **Chapter 4: Executive Nominations**

**RULE 8-40. REFERRAL OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS.** When Executive Nominations shall be made by the Governor or other appointing authority to the Senate, said nominations shall be referred for consideration to the standing committee which has in its jurisdiction the entity to which the nomination relates. Nominations shall be made by the Governor or other appointing authority to the Senate no later than May 1 of any year in order to be considered by the full Senate that year.

**RULE 8-41. REJECTION.** No person whose nomination has been rejected by the Senate shall be eligible to be later confirmed by the Senate during the same session for appointment to the same position. If an executive nomination is not approved during the regular session in which it is submitted, it shall be deemed rejected. If an interim executive nomination is not approved during the first regular session following its submission it shall be deemed rejected. The President Pro Tempore shall notify the appointing authority of the rejection of an executive nomination by the Senate, and shall likewise notify the chief executive of the entity to which the nomination relates.

#### **RULE 8-42. COMMITTEE REPORTS ON EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS.**

Committee reports on Executive Nominations may be combined by the Majority Floor Leader for consideration by the Senate. At the request of any member, however, a nominee shall be separated from the combined report and considered individually by the Senate. A majority vote of the members of the Senate shall be required for adoption of a combined report.

#### **Chapter 5: Committee of the Whole**

**RULE 8-50. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.** Without prior notice, the Senate may, by motion approved by a majority of the members of the Senate, declare itself a Committee of the Whole, at which time the President Pro Tempore or a member designated by the President Pro Tempore shall chair the Committee of the Whole. Rules applicable to other Senate committees shall be applied to the Committee of the Whole, except those rules relating to notice.

**RULE 8-51. REPORTS.** Once the Committee of the Whole has reported a bill or resolution “DO PASS“ or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED“, to the Senate, that bill or resolution shall be considered on Third Reading and shall be voted upon without consideration of amendments or debate.

### **Chapter 6: Vetoes and Other Legislative Actions**

**RULE 8-60. OVERRIDES OF VETOES.** When a bill or resolution is returned to the Senate because of veto by the Governor, a motion that the vetoed legislation become law the Governor’s objections notwithstanding shall be in order ~~at any time~~, pursuant to Rule 8-5.

**RULE 8-61. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Committee reports on matters other than legislation or Executive Nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and explained by the Chair of the committee making the report, whereupon the Senate may consider any action called for in the report.

### **RULE 8-62. CORRECTIONS TO LEGISLATION.**

A. The Title of a bill or resolution shall be made to conform to the text, unless the same has been ordered stricken. A stricken title shall be shown in brackets. The ballot title of a bill or resolution proposing a state question shall be made to conform to the text. The Enacting Clause shall be a part of every bill unless the same shall have been ordered stricken. A stricken Enacting Clause shall be shown by striking through the words of the Enacting Clause. ~~If the title or enacting clause has been stricken, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be stricken as provided in Rules 7-7 and 8-23.~~

B. The Senate Service Staff is authorized to correct misspelled words, incorrect citations, typographical errors, repeated words and other similar errors when engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions.

C. When engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions, the Senate Service Staff is authorized to:

1. Remove sections from a bill or joint resolution labeled as amendatory sections but which consist entirely of existing law and contain no amendments to the existing law;

2. Incorporate amendments to sections of law in the bill or joint resolution which are contained in measures enacted previously during the same legislative session and amending the same sections of law and repeal such previous versions of the section at issue if, in the opinion of a staff attorney designated by the Chief Operating Officer, the incorporation of such amendments and repeal of the previous version would clearly not conflict with the amendments contained in the measure at issue;

3. Modify sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on July 1 or a date earlier than ninety days after the date of expected sine die adjournment to read to reflect an effective date of ninety days after the date of sine die adjournment, or to delete such sections, if the emergency clause has failed to receive the required number of votes for passage;

4. Delete sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on a date prior to such engrossment or enrollment; and

5. Include a designation of the subject of an act as provided in Section 452.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The Secretary of the Senate shall, at the direction of the President Pro Tempore and with the approval of the Senate author, have the authority to

1. Correct nonsubstantive errors in the language of any bill or resolution at the time the same is engrossed or enrolled; and

2. Submit a corrected engrossed or enrolled version of legislation in the event that a version does not accurately reflect the actions of the Senate or a committee thereof.

A detailed record of all such corrections shall be maintained by the Secretary and printed in the Journal.

## **RULE 9: MOTIONS**

**RULE 9-1. ORDER OF PRIORITY.** Motions shall be considered in the following order of priority:

1. To adjourn to a time certain.
2. To adjourn.
3. Substitute ruling motion.
4. To recess.
5. To operate under Call of the Senate.
6. To limit debate.
7. To advance a measure.
8. To accept or reject House amendments.
9. To adopt a Conference Committee Report.
10. To accept or reject a report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget.
11. To suspend the rules.
12. To commit to a committee or conference committee without instructions.
13. To commit to a committee or conference committee with instructions.
14. To amend.

**RULE 9-2. DEBATE.** Debate shall be in order on all motions, except the following:

1. To adjourn to a time certain.
2. To adjourn.
3. To recess.
4. To operate under Call of the Senate.
5. To limit debate.
6. To advance.
7. To commit to a committee without instructions.
8. To table.
9. To suspend the rules.

**RULE 9-3. MOTIONS TO TABLE.** Motions to table shall be in order for all motions except the following:

1. To adjourn to a time certain.
2. To adjourn.
3. To recess.
4. To operate under Call of the Senate.
5. To limit debate.
6. To advance.

**RULE 9-4. PRECEDENCE.** Motions to table shall take precedence over the original motion. If successful, a motion to table shall constitute a final disposition of the original motion.

**RULE 9-5. PRIORITY OF MOTIONS NOT ENUMERATED.** Except for those motions otherwise enumerated by priority, all motions shall have equal priority and shall be considered in the order made, or in the order placed on the clerk's desk.

**RULE 9-6. WRITTEN MOTIONS OR OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.** The Presiding Officer may require any motion, point of order, substitute ruling, or other item of business to be in writing and placed upon the clerk's desk.

**RULE 9-7. SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS.** Only one substitute motion for a motion of equal priority shall be considered. Successful passage of a substitute motion shall be considered both adoption of the substitute motion in lieu of the original as well as the passage of the substitute motion. If the substitute motion fails, the original motion shall be disposed of before another motion of the same priority can be considered.

**RULE 9-8. VOTE REQUIRED.** Unless otherwise provided, a motion shall be declared adopted if it is approved by a majority of the members present and voting thereon.

**RULE 9-9. MOTIONS TO ADJOURN.**

**A. ADJOURNMENT.** A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the motion shall have been the last voted on and no business is transacted thereafter.

**B. AFTER ADOPTION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN.** Once a motion to adjourn when the desk is clear has been adopted, no motion shall be considered from the floor of the Senate, whether by unanimous consent or otherwise.

**C. SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT.** The date and time of sine die adjournment of the Senate shall be fixed by motion or resolution; provided, that once the date and time of such sine die adjournment has arrived, no further business shall be conducted by the Senate, and the Presiding Officer shall declare the Senate adjourned sine die.

**RULE 9-10. QUORUM CALL.** Any member of the Senate may, at any time, request the Presiding Officer to suggest the absence of a quorum. Upon such request, the Presiding Officer shall determine whether a quorum is present and no further business shall be conducted until it is determined that a quorum is present.

**RULE 9-11. CALL OF THE SENATE.** The Senate may, by majority vote of the members present, operate under Call of the Senate, in which case the President Pro Tempore is empowered to compel the attendance of all members of the Senate and is empowered to confine the members of the Senate to the chamber.

**RULE 9-12. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.** Personal privilege shall be granted to a member of the Senate only to permit such member to respond to a public attack on the rights, integrity or reputation of a member of the Senate, or upon the Senate collectively or any committee or employee of the Senate. Remarks made by a member of the Senate who is granted personal privilege shall be confined to such a response.

**RULE 9-13. MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE.** When a question subject to debate is before the Senate, a motion to limit the time for debate shall be in order, even if debate already has begun. The motion shall fix the time limits to be allowed for and against the motion, provided that in no case shall the total debate allotted to each side be less than one-half hour. If such motion is successful, the Presiding Officer shall cause the time limits to be enforced and shall divide the time equally for each side of the question. If the motion is once rejected on a question being debated, it can only be adopted with the approval of two-thirds of those voting.

**RULE 9-14. SUBSTITUTE RULING MOTIONS.** If a Senator disagrees with a ruling on a motion or point of order, he or she may make a motion the Senate adopt a substitute ruling in the following manner:

1. Before other business is transacted by the Senate or by the committee, a member of the Senate or the committee may appeal the ruling by offering a substitute ruling.
2. Once a motion to adopt a substitute ruling is made, no other business shall be transacted until the motion is disposed of by the Senate or by the committee.



3. A motion to adopt a substitute ruling shall be subject to all other Senate Rules pertaining to motions.

**Rule 10: Executive Sessions**

**RULE 10-1. PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGE.** On a motion made and carried that the Senate go into executive session, the Presiding Officer shall direct all persons, except Senators, the Secretary of the Senate, and personnel as authorized by the Senate, to withdraw. The vote of a majority of the Senators voting shall be required on a motion for executive session. During an executive session, the doors shall remain closed and every Senator and officer shall keep confidential all proceedings and matters enjoined by order of the Senate.

**Rule 11: Special Sessions**

**RULE 11-1. SPECIAL SESSIONS.**

A. Unless amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate, these rules shall be in effect for any special session of the ~~57th~~<sup>58th</sup> Oklahoma Legislature; provided, bills and resolutions reported from committee or referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order immediately upon such report or referral and amendments to such bills and resolutions shall be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of such report or referral.

B. The selection of officers, the membership of the standing committees and the mileage allowances most recently approved in regular session shall be in effect for any special session.

**OFFICERS OF THE SENATE**

President Pro Tempore Treat announced members of the Senate Republican Caucus designated to serve in the leadership for the Fifty-eighth Legislature are as follows:

- President Pro Tempore..... Senator Greg Treat
- Majority Floor Leader..... Senator Kim David
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader ..... Senator James Leewright
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader ..... Senator Frank Simpson
- Appropriations Committee Chair..... Senator Roger Thompson
- Majority Whip..... Senator Rob Standridge
- Assistant Majority Whip..... Senator Julie Daniels
- Assistant Majority Whip..... Senator Casey Murdock
- Assistant Majority Whip..... Senator Marty Quinn
- Republican Caucus Chair..... Senator Dave Rader
- Republican Caucus Vice Chair ..... Senator Greg McCortney
- Rural Caucus Chair..... Senator Darcy Jech

Senator Floyd announced members of the Senate Democratic Caucus designated to serve in the leadership for the First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature are as follows:

Democratic Leader.....	Senator Kay Floyd
Democratic Caucus Chair .....	Senator Kevin Matthews
Assistant Democratic Floor Leader .....	Senator J.J. Dossett
Democratic Caucus Vice Chair.....	Senator Michael Brooks
Democratic Whip.....	Senator Carri Hicks

Senator David moved that Paul Ziriak of Edmond be elected Secretary of the Senate for the Fifty-eighth Oklahoma Legislature.

Senator Floyd seconded the nomination of Paul Ziriak and moved that the nominations for the office of Secretary of the Senate cease and Paul Ziriak be elected by acclamation, which motion was declared adopted.

## **COMMUNICATION**

January 5, 2020

The Honorable Greg Treat  
 President Pro Tempore  
 Oklahoma State Senate  
 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator Treat,

Under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Senate by Senate Rule 2-1, I hereby appoint Mr. Adam Cain to the office of Senate Sergeant at Arms for the Fifty-eighth Oklahoma Legislature, to serve at the pleasure of the Senate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Ziriak, Secretary  
 Oklahoma State Senate

## **COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

Senator David moved that the Standing Committees and the members thereof appointed for the Fifty-eighth Legislature be approved.

The Standing Committees and their membership are as follows:

## **SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **First Regular Session Fifty-Eighth Oklahoma Legislature**

President Pro Tempore Treat and Senator David are ex officio voting members of all Senate committees.

#### **AGRICULTURE and WILDLIFE**

Murdock, Chair  
Pederson, Vice Chair

Boren	Howard
Bullard	Kidd
Burns	Leewright
Dossett, J.J.	Pemberton
Dugger	Stephens
Hall	

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

Thompson, Chair  
Hall, Vice Chair

Brooks	Matthews
Dossett, J.J.	Montgomery
Dugger	Newhouse
Floyd	Pederson
Haste	Pemberton
Howard	Rader
Jech	Rosino
Kidd	Simpson
Kirt	Weaver

**BUSINESS, COMMERCE and TOURISM**

Leewright, Chair  
Coleman, Vice Chair

Bergstrom	Newhouse
Brooks	Paxton
Burns	Pugh
Dahm	Rogers
Garvin	Young
McCortney	

**EDUCATION**

Pugh, Chair  
Pemberton, Vice Chair

Dahm	Kidd
Dossett, J.J.	Quinn
Dossett, J.A.	Stanley
Dugger	Stephens
Hicks	Taylor

**ENERGY**

Allen, Chair  
Taylor, Vice Chair

Boren	Murdock
Bullard	Quinn
Daniels	Rader
Hicks	Standridge
Jech	

**FINANCE**

Rader, Chair  
Howard, Vice Chair

Hall	Montgomery
Hicks	Newhouse
Jett	Rosino
Kirt	Simpson
McCortney	Thompson

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Rosino, Chair  
Dugger, Vice Chair

Floyd	Stephens
Hall	Weaver
Haste	Young
Howard	

**HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES**

McCortney, Chair  
Rosino, Vice Chair

Daniels	Pugh
Dossett, J.A.	Simpson
Garvin	Standridge
Haste	Young
Hicks	

**JUDICIARY**

Daniels, Chair  
Jech, Vice Chair

Boren	Leewright
Brooks	Paxton
Bullard	Weaver
Floyd	

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Paxton, Chair  
Weaver, Vice Chair

Allen	Jech
Bergstrom	Matthews
Brooks	Rader
Coleman	Rogers
Dahm	

**RETIREMENT and INSURANCE**

Quinn, Chair  
 Montgomery, Vice Chair

Brooks	Newhouse
Hamilton	Stanley
Jett	Taylor
Matthews	

**RULES**

Jech, Chair  
 Bullard, Vice Chair

Allen	Leewright
Boren	McCortney
Coleman	Paxton
Daniels	Simpson
Garvin	Thompson
Kirt	

**TRANSPORTATION**

Standridge, Chair  
 Bergstrom, Vice Chair

Allen	Haste
Burns	Matthews
Coleman	Murdock
Dossett, J.A.	Pederson
Garvin	Rogers
Hamilton	

**VETERANS and MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Simpson, Chair  
 Stanley, Vice Chair

Dossett, J.J.	Kirt
Hamilton	Montgomery
Jett	Pederson
Kidd	Pemberton

**APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEES**

President Pro Tempore Treat, Senator David, Senator Thompson and Senator Hall are ex officio voting members of all Appropriations Subcommittees.

**EDUCATION**

Pemberton, Chair  
Kidd, Vice Chair

Boren	Pugh
Bullard	Stanley

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT and TRANSPORTATION**

Haste, Chair  
Montgomery, Vice Chair

Allen	Matthews
Bergstrom	Rogers
Coleman	

**HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES**

Simpson, Chair  
Rosino, Vice Chair

Garvin	McCortney
Hicks	Standridge
Kirt	

**NATURAL RESOURCES and REGULATORY SERVICES**

Jech, Chair  
Pederson, Vice Chair

Dossett, J.J.	Rader
Murdock	Stephens
Quinn	Taylor

**PUBLIC SAFETY and JUDICIARY**

Howard, Chair  
Weaver, Vice Chair

Daniels	Paxton
Hall	Young
Jett	

**SELECT AGENCIES**

Dugger, Chair  
Newhouse, Vice Chair

Burns	Hamilton
Dahm	Leewright
Dossett, J.A.	

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
AND BUDGET**

The members of the Senate appointed to serve on the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall also be the members of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget, pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 4.1(b). President Pro Tempore Treat and Senator David are ex officio voting members of all Senate committees.

**EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE AND POSTAGE**

Senator David moved that each Senator be allotted \$1,500 from Senate funds for expenses relating to official state business, including but not limited to postage, electronic communications equipment or its usage, office equipment and supplies and printing. Such amount is hereby authorized for expenses incurred from November 18, 2020, through December 1, 2021. If a member of the Senate incurs such expenses paid for by the Senate in excess of these amounts during such period, the member shall reimburse the Senate in full for such excess amount no later than December 31, 2021, which amendment was declared adopted.

**MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

Senator David moved adoption of the following report on mileage allowance prepared by the Office of the Senate Administrator, which motion was declared adopted.



Senator	Hometown	Total Miles Round Trip	Amount Round Trip
Allen, Mark	Spiro	360	\$201.60
Bergstrom, Michael	Big Cabin	314	\$175.84
Boren, Mary	Norman	46	\$25.76
Brooks, Michael	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Bullard, David	Durant	316	\$176.96
Burns, George	Haworth	520	\$291.20
Coleman, Bill	Ponca City	212	\$118.72
Dahm, Nathan	Broken Arrow	224	\$125.44
Daniels, Julie	Bartlesville	292	\$163.52
David, Kim	Porter	292	\$163.52
Dossett, J.A.	Tulsa	226	\$126.56
Dossett, J.J.	Sperry	230	\$128.80
Dugger, Tom	Stillwater	124	\$69.44
Floyd, Kay	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Garvin, Jessica	Duncan	162	\$90.72
Hall, Chuck	Perry	126	\$70.56
Hamilton, Warren	McCurtain	330	\$184.80
Haste, John	Broken Arrow	244	\$136.64
Hicks, Carri	Oklahoma City	24	\$13.44
Howard, Brent	Altus	282	\$157.92
Jech, Darcy	Kingfisher	90	\$50.40
Jett, Shane	Shawnee	84	\$47.04
Kidd, Chris	Ringling	236	\$132.16
Kirt, Julia	Oklahoma City	8	\$4.48
Leewright, James	Bristow	168	\$94.08
McCortney, Greg	Ada	176	\$98.56
Matthews, Kevin	Tulsa	212	\$118.72
Montgomery, John	Lawton	180	\$100.80
Murdock, Casey	Felt	700	\$392.00
Newhouse, William	Broken Arrow	218	\$122.08
Paxton, Lonnie	Tuttle	72	\$40.32
Pederson, Roland	Burlington	334	\$187.04
Pemberton, Dewayne	Muskogee	282	\$157.92
Pugh, Adam	Edmond	32	\$17.92
Quinn, Marty	Claremore	270	\$151.20
Rader, Dave	Tulsa	216	\$120.96
Rogers, Cody	Tulsa	184	\$103.04
Rosino, Paul	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Simpson, Frank	Ardmore	188	\$105.28
Standridge, Rob	Norman	44	\$24.64
Stanley, Brenda	Oklahoma City	24	\$13.44

Stephens, Blake	Tahlequah	368	\$206.08
Taylor, Zack	Seminole	120	\$67.20
Thompson, Roger	Okemah	146	\$81.76
Treat, Greg	Edmond	0	None Requested
Weaver, Darrell	Moore	0	None Requested
Young, George	Oklahoma City	22	\$12.32

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

Advising the Honorable Senate that the House of Representatives is ready to convene in Joint Session.

Senator David moved that the Senate recess for a reception in honor of President Pro Tempore Treat in the front lobby of the Senate Chamber entrance and to meet with the House in Joint Session at 2:00 p.m., and upon adjournment of the Joint Session, that the Senate stand adjourned to convene Monday, February 1, 2021, at 12:00 noon, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the David motion, the Senate adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to meet Monday, February 1, 2021, at 12:00 noon.

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### **JOINT SESSION**

The First Joint Session of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature was called to order by the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell.

Senator David moved the attendance roll call of the Senate be considered the attendance roll call of the Senate in Joint Session, which motion was declared adopted.

Representative Echols moved that the attendance roll call of the House of Representatives be considered the attendance roll call of the House in Joint Session, which motion was declared adopted.

Lieutenant Governor Pinnell declared quorums of the Senate and House present and Joint Session duly assembled.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Joel Harder with the Oklahoma Capitol Commission, the guest of Speaker McCall.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, of the Oklahoma Constitution, Lieutenant Governor Pinnell directed the clerk to proceed with the canvassing of the returns of the General Election held on November 3, 2020, as certified to the House of Representatives by the

Secretary of the State Election Board, Paul Ziriak, and transmitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary of State, Brian Bingman.

Senator David moved to dispense with the reading of the election returns and ordered same printed in the Journals of the House and Senate respectively, which motion was declared adopted.

## COMMUNICATION

November 20, 2020

The Honorable Charles McCall  
Speaker, Oklahoma State House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building, Room 401  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached compilation is a complete list of the names of all candidates voted for at the General Election held November 3, 2020, for the offices indicated, and that the figures set by the names represent the sum of the total votes cast for each as certified to this office by the County Election Boards of the State. Candidates who were unopposed in the General Election also are listed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paul Ziriak, Secretary  
State Election Board

The Speaker declared elected to the respective offices listed below the candidates whose names are shown in boldface type:

### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS**

#### **REPUBLICAN**

**DONALD J. TRUMP for President, MICHAEL R. PENCE for Vice President 1,020,280**

#### **ELECTORS:**

**Ronda Vuillemont-Smith**

**Lonnie Lu Anderson**

**Chris Martin**

**Steve Fair**

**Linda Huggard**

**A.J. Ferate**

**Carolyn McLarty**

## LIBERTARIAN

JO JORGENSEN for President, JEREMY SPIKE COHEN for Vice President 24,731

## ELECTORS:

Erin Adams  
 Danny Chabino  
 Drew Cook  
 Kevin Hobbie  
 Rex Lawhorn  
 Jay Norton  
 Victoria Whitfield

## DEMOCRAT

JOSEPH R. BIDEN for President, KAMALA D. HARRIS for Vice President 503.890

## ELECTORS:

Judy Eason McIntyre  
 Eric Proctor  
 Jeff Berrong  
 Christine Byrd  
 Demetrius Bereolos  
 Pamela Iron  
 Shevonda Steward

## INDEPENDENT

JADE SIMMONS for President, CLAUDELIAH J. ROZE for Vice President 3,654

## ELECTORS:

Shanda Carter  
 Terrence Stephens  
 Hope Stephens  
 Elizabeth Stephens  
 Dakota Hooks  
 Phalanda Boyd  
 Quincy Boyd

## INDEPENDENT

KANYE WEST for President, MICHELL TIDBALL for Vice President 5,597

## ELECTORS:

April Anderson  
 Craig Alan Weygandt  
 Will Flanagan  
 Katherine Krug  
 Megan Krug  
 Gretchen Schrupp  
 David Schrupp

**INDEPENDENT**

**BROCK PIERCE** for President, **KARLA BALLARD** for Vice President 2,547

**ELECTORS:**

- Robert Murphy
- Susan Darlene Murphy
- Richard Prawdzienski
- Jessy Artman
- David Selinger
- Corey Austin Latham Jr.
- Greg J. Brownlee

**UNITED STATES SENATOR**

<b>Jim Inhofe</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>979,140</b>
Robert Murphy	Libertarian	Norman	34,435
Abby Broyles	Democrat	Oklahoma City	509,763
Joan Farr	Independent	Tulsa	21,652
A. D. Nesbit	Independent	Ada	11,371

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

**DISTRICT 01**

<b>Kevin Hern</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>213,700</b>
Kojo Asamoah-Caesar	Democrat	Tulsa	109,641
Evelyn L. Rogers	Independent	Tulsa	12,130

**DISTRICT 02**

<b>Markwayne Mullin</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Westville</b>	<b>216,511</b>
Richie Castaldo	Libertarian	Afton	8,544
Danyell Lanier	Democrat	Hugo	63,472

**DISTRICT 03**

<b>Frank D. Lucas</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Cheyenne</b>	<b>242,677</b>
Zoe Midyett	Democrat	Wellston	66,501

**DISTRICT 04**

<b>Tom Cole</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>213,096</b>
Bob White	Libertarian	Norman	10,803
Mary Brannon	Democrat	Washington	90,459

**DISTRICT 05**

<b>Stephanie Bice</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>158,191</b>
Kendra S. Horn	Democrat	Oklahoma City	145,658

**CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

<b>Todd Hiatt</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Kellyville</b>	<b>1,100,024</b>
Todd Hagopian	Libertarian	Bixby	345,436

**STATE SENATOR****DISTRICT 1**

<b>Micheal Bergstrom</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Big Cabin</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
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**DISTRICT 3**

<b>Blake Cowboy Stephens</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tahlequah</b>	<b>22,988</b>
Dyllon Fite	Democrat	Cookson	5,929

**DISTRICT 5**

<b>George H Burns</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Haworth</b>	<b>21,746</b>
Randy Coleman	Democrat	Broken Bow	5,855

**DISTRICT 7**

<b>Warren Hamilton</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>McCurtain</b>	<b>21,762</b>
Jerry L. Donathan	Democrat	McAlester	8,388

**DISTRICT 9**

<b>Dewayne Pemberton</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Muskogee</b>	<b>15,719</b>
Jack Reavis	Democrat	Muskogee	11,333

**DISTRICT 11**

<b>Kevin Matthews</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
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**DISTRICT 13**

<b>Greg McCartney</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ada</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
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**DISTRICT 15**

<b>Rob Standridge</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>24,436</b>
Alex Scott	Democrat	Norman	15,680

**DISTRICT 17**

<b>Shane David Jett</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Shawnee</b>	<b>25,395</b>
Greg Sadler	Libertarian	Newalla	7,819

**DISTRICT 19**

<b>Roland Pederson</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Burlington</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
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<b>DISTRICT 21</b>			
<b>Tom J. Dugger</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Stillwater</b>	<b>18,774</b>
Rick Dunham	Democrat	Stillwater	10,577
<b>DISTRICT 23</b>			
<b>Lonnie J. Paxton</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tuttle</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 25</b>			
<b>Joe Newhouse</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 27</b>			
<b>Casey Murdock</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Felt</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 29</b>			
<b>Julie Daniels</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Bartlesville</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 31</b>			
<b>Chris Kidd</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ringling</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 33</b>			
<b>Nathan Dahm</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 35</b>			
Cheryl Baber	Republican	Tulsa	17,677
<b>Jo Anna Dossett</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>18,324</b>
<b>DISTRICT 37</b>			
<b>Cody Rogers</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>22,693</b>
Allison Ikley-Freeman	Democrat	Tulsa	11,141
<b>DISTRICT 39</b>			
<b>Dave Rader</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>20,493</b>
Shawna Mott-Wright	Democrat	Tulsa	16,889
<b>DISTRICT 41</b>			
<b>Adam Pugh</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 43</b>			
<b>Jessica Garvin</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Duncan</b>	<b>30,383</b>
Terri Reimer	Democrat	Marlow	6,588
<b>DISTRICT 45</b>			
<b>Paul Rosino</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>23,352</b>
Jennifer Wilkinson	Democrat	Yukon	11,373

<b>DISTRICT 47</b>			
<b>Greg Treat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>261,647</b>
Andrea Stone	Democrat	Edmond	19,732

**STATE SENATOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)**

<b>DISTRICT 28</b>			
<b>Zack Taylor</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Seminole</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b>			
<b>Eddy Dempsey</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Valliant</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 2</b>			
<b>Jim Olsen</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Roland</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 3</b>			
<b>Rick West</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Heavener</b>	<b>9,501</b>
Mike Sullivan	Democrat	Poteau	4,219

<b>DISTRICT 4</b>			
<b>Bob Ed Culver</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tahlequah</b>	<b>7,499</b>
Matt Meredith	Democrat	Tahlequah	6,095

<b>DISTRICT 5</b>			
<b>Josh West</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 6</b>			
<b>Rusty Cornwell</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Vinita</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 7</b>			
<b>Steve Bashore</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 8</b>			
<b>Tom Gann</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Inola</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 9</b>			
<b>Mark Paul Lepak</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Claremore</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 10</b>			
<b>Judd Strom</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Copan</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>



<b>DISTRICT 11</b>			
<b>Wendi Stearman</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Collinsville</b>	<b>12,333</b>
Emilie Tindle	Democrat	Collinsville	5,866
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>			
<b>Kevin McDugle</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>			
<b>Avery Carl Frix</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Muskogee</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 14</b>			
<b>Chris Sneed</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Fort Gibson</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 15</b>			
<b>Randy Randleman</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Eufaula</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 16</b>			
<b>Scott Fetgatter</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Okmulgee</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 17</b>			
<b>Jim Grego</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Wilburton</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 18</b>			
<b>David Smith</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>McAlester</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 19</b>			
<b>Justin J J Humphrey</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lane</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 20</b>			
<b>Sherrie Conley</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 21</b>			
<b>Dustin Roberts</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Mead</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 22</b>			
<b>Charles A. McCall</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Atoka</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 23</b>			
<b>Terry O'Donnell</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Catoosa</b>	<b>6,894</b>
Susan Carle Young	Democrat	Claremore	4,202
<b>DISTRICT 24</b>			
<b>Logan J. Phillips</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Mounds</b>	<b>8,518</b>
Steve Kouplén	Democrat	Beggs	4,367

<b>DISTRICT 25</b> <b>Ronny Johns</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ada</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 26</b> <b>Dell Kerbs</b> Bryce Barfield	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Shawnee</b> Shawnee	<b>9,885</b> 4,439
<b>DISTRICT 27</b> <b>Danny Sterling</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tecumseh</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 28</b> <b>Danny Williams</b> Yasminda Choate	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Seminole</b> Sasakwa	<b>9,595</b> 3,523
<b>DISTRICT 29</b> <b>Kyle Hilbert</b> Rick Parris	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Bristow</b> Mannford	<b>13,461</b> 2,959
<b>DISTRICT 30</b> <b>Mark Lawson</b> Chuck Threadgill	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Sapulpa</b> Tulsa	<b>12,878</b> 3,815
<b>DISTRICT 31</b> <b>Garry Mize</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 32</b> <b>Kevin Wallace</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Wellston</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 33</b> <b>John Talley</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Stillwater</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 34</b> Aaron Means <b>Trish Ranson</b>	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Stillwater <b>Stillwater</b>	5,551 <b>6,145</b>
<b>DISTRICT 35</b> <b>Ty D. Burns</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Morrison</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 36</b> <b>Sean Roberts</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Hominy</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 37</b> <b>Ken Luttrell</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ponca City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 38</b> <b>John Pfeiffer</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Orlando</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 39</b>			
<b>Ryan Martinez</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 40</b>			
<b>Chad Caldwell</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Enid</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 41</b>			
<b>Denise Crosswhite Hader</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Surrey Hills/ Yukon</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 42</b>			
<b>Cynthia Cindy Roe</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lindsay</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 43</b>			
<b>Jay Steagall</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Yukon</b>	<b>13,337</b>
<b>Cassie Kinet</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Yukon</b>	<b>5,043</b>
<b>DISTRICT 44</b>			
<b>Emily Virgin</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 45</b>			
<b>Phillip Hillian</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>9,224</b>
<b>Merleyn Bell</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>9,850</b>
<b>DISTRICT 46</b>			
<b>Nancy Sangirardi</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>10,253</b>
<b>Jacob Rosecrants</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>10,332</b>
<b>DISTRICT 47</b>			
<b>Brian Hill</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Mustang</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 48</b>			
<b>Tammy Townley</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ardmore</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 49</b>			
<b>Tommy C. Hardin</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Madill</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 50</b>			
<b>Marcus McEntire</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Duncan</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 51</b>			
<b>Brad Boles</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Marlow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 52</b>			
<b>Gerrid Kendrix</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Altus</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 53</b> Mark McBride	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 54</b> Kevin West	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 55</b> Todd Russ Austin Gipson-Black	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Cordell</b> Texola	<b>11,283</b> 2,861
<b>DISTRICT 56</b> Dick Lowe Craig Parham	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Amber</b> Amber	<b>8,680</b> 4,270
<b>DISTRICT 57</b> Anthony Moore Juan Garcia	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Clinton</b> Clinton	<b>10,275</b> 4,328
<b>DISTRICT 58</b> Carl Newton	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Cherokee</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 59</b> Mike Dobrinski	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Okeene</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 60</b> Rhonda Baker	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Yukon</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 61</b> Kenton Patzkowsky	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Balko</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 62</b> Daniel Pae Larry Bush	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Lawton</b> Lawton	<b>6,107</b> 4,970
<b>DISTRICT 63</b> Trey Caldwell	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lawton</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 64</b> Rande Worthen Kyle Emmett Meraz	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Lawton</b> Lawton	<b>4,823</b> 4,080
<b>DISTRICT 65</b> Toni Hasenbeck Jennifer Kerstetter	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Elgin</b> Marlow	<b>9,850</b> 2,598

<b>DISTRICT 66</b>			
<b>Jadine Nollan</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Sand Springs</b>	<b>10,010</b>
Greg Laird	Democrat	Tulsa	5,355
<b>DISTRICT 67</b>			
<b>Jeff Boatman</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 68</b>			
<b>Lonnie Sims</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Jenks</b>	<b>11,194</b>
Michael Ross	Democrat	Tulsa	5,570
<b>DISTRICT 69</b>			
<b>Sheila Dills</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 70</b>			
<b>Carol M. Bush</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 71</b>			
Mike Masters	Republican	Tulsa	6,767
<b>Denise Brewer</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>8,042</b>
<b>DISTRICT 72</b>			
<b>Monroe Nichols</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 73</b>			
<b>Regina Goodwin</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 74</b>			
<b>Mark Vancuren</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Owasso</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 75</b>			
<b>T.J. Marti</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 76</b>			
<b>Ross Ford</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 77</b>			
<b>John Waldron</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 78</b>			
Paul Royse	Republican	Tulsa	6,461
<b>Meloyde Blancett</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>9,315</b>
<b>DISTRICT 79</b>			
Margie Alfonso	Republican	Tulsa	7,721
<b>Melissa Provenzano</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>8,301</b>

<b>DISTRICT 80</b> Stan May	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 81</b> Mike Osburn Jacob Baccus	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Edmond</b> Edmond	<b>10,705</b> 6,461
<b>DISTRICT 82</b> Nicole Miller	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 83</b> Eric Roberts Chelsey Branham	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Oklahoma City</b> The Village	<b>10,655</b> 9,886
<b>DISTRICT 84</b> Tammy West	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 85</b> Bill Robinson Cyndi Munson	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	8,543 <b>11,037</b>
<b>DISTRICT 86</b> David Hardin	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Stilwell</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 87</b> Valerie Walker Collin Walke	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	5,501 <b>8,333</b>
<b>DISTRICT 88</b> Kelly Earlean Mauree Turner	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	3,856 <b>9,610</b>
<b>DISTRICT 89</b> John Hutton Jose Cruz	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	1,317 <b>2,606</b>
<b>DISTRICT 90</b> Jon Echols Wayne Hughes	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Oklahoma City</b> Oklahoma City	<b>7,055</b> 4,336
<b>DISTRICT 91</b> Chris Kannady	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 92</b> Forrest Bennett	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 93</b>			
Mike Christian	Republican	Oklahoma City	3,304
<b>Mickey Dollens</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>4,475</b>
<b>DISTRICT 94</b>			
Lauren Rodebush	Republican	Del City	4,724
<b>Andy Fugate</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>6,984</b>
<b>DISTRICT 95</b>			
<b>Max Wolfley</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>6,444</b>
Kelly Albright	Democrat	Midwest City	6,135
<b>DISTRICT 96</b>			
<b>Preston Stinson</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 97</b>			
Ben M Janloo	Republican	Oklahoma City	4,607
<b>Jason Lowe</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>11,462</b>
<b>DISTRICT 98</b>			
<b>Dean Fenton Davis</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 99</b>			
<b>Ajay Pittman</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 100</b>			
<b>Marilyn Stark</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Bethany</b>	<b>8,860</b>
Summer Wesley	Democrat	Bethany	7,226
<b>DISTRICT 101</b>			
<b>Robert Manger</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>12,137</b>
A.J. Bailey	Libertarian	Midwest City	815
Madeline Scott	Democrat	Choctaw	6,127

**JUSTICES OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT**

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 1**

**Matthew John Kane, IV**

**Yes: 952,811**

No: 430,580

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 6**

**Tom Colbert**

**Yes: 937,156**

No: 453,366

**SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 9****Richard B. Darby****Yes: 932,936**

No: 445,176

**JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS****COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS DISTRICT 2****Robert L. Hudson****Yes: 934,578**

No: 440,285

**COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS DISTRICT 3****Gary L. Lumpkin****Yes: 917,375**

No: 453,264

**JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS****COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 1 - OFFICE 2****Jane P. Wiseman****Yes: 912,788**

No: 458,135

**COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 2 - OFFICE 1****Deborah B. Barnes****Yes: 921,661**

No: 446,944

**COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 2 - OFFICE 2****Keith Rapp****Yes: 871,490**

No: 490,252

Upon motion of Representative Echols, the Joint Session was ordered dissolved at the hour of 2:25 p.m.