

AWAKE OKLAHOMA



OK VOTER GUIDE – Special Election Dec 9, 2025 (early voting –Dec 4 & 5)

This voter guide provides our *recommendations* regarding Oklahoma elections in which we are familiar. There are some races that we may miss or don't have enough information to make a suggestion. We cover Tulsa County/Wagoner County areas more extensively, but do our best to cover the major elections in other counties and across the state.

RECOMMENDATIONS for the Dec. 4 special election (affects Creek, Noble, Osage, Pawnee, and Payne counties)

Note: If any of these elections go into a run off there will be a general election on February 10, 2026 to determine the winner.

Oklahoma House of Representatives: District 35 (Creek, Noble, Osage, Pawnee, and Payne counties)

This is the vacated seat after former OK House Representative, Ty Burns, resigned after pleading guilty to domestic violence misdemeanors. This has turned into quite the race.

One of the campaigns started a dirty slander/smear campaign against the front-runner candidate, James Winn. After investigating the claims, it was clear they were half-truths meant to derail his campaign just before the election since he was in the lead.

These are indicators where we need to pay attention to those stooping to such smear campaigns. We definitely do not want or need those kind of individuals to be elected.

- **MY CHOICE – James Winn**

Local area small business owner/ who has committed that he will not accept lobbyist or PAC money but instead work for his constituents. His background is in oil and gas pipeline, small business owner and farmer/rancher His priority goals are to fight against the hazardous use of bio human waste which harms our farmland, hostile foreign ownership of Oklahoma land, and perpetual toll roads among other things.

- Luke Kruse (D) the only Democrat in this race. Kruse lives in Morrison and has been a school bus driver, teacher and a small business owner. His website is void of anything but sound bites which is a disappointing lack of representation and impossible to get a real feel for where this guy wants to take this seat. This is a conservative majority area while his foundation is liberal-leaning.
- Dillon Travis (R) from Pawnee County – he is a small business owner and farmer/rancher with a family history in Oklahoma. His primary platform issues include getting roads fixed, standing up for farmers and ranchers and protection over our school kids.
- Amber Roberts (R) – Amber ran unsuccessfully against Bill Coleman in 2018 for Senate District 10 and is now in this race. She is a small business owner who has served on the Hominy City Council for several years and has been an active participant in helping elect conservative candidates. Not a bad choice, but doesn't seem to have the momentum to get elected.
- Kevin Wright (R) – mayor of Jennings, OK from 2012 to present. Some of his constituents have expressed concern that Wright has made decisions as mayor that benefit him and/or his family members personally over the best interests of the citizens of Jennings.
- Mike Waters (R) – was previously the Pawnee County Sheriff with a long history in law enforcement. Understandably, one of his campaign platforms is to increase public safety and he says also to support agriculture, and supporting parents in local educational endeavors to protect their kids.

DON'T SIGN - SQ 836 – OPEN PRIMARIES/JUNGLE PRIMARIES

Petitions are now being circulated for Oklahomans to sign a petition to allow State Question 836 to be added to the November 2026 ballot. This petition is trying to get Oklahoma elections to become what is known as “Jungle Primaries” and becomes a free-for-all contest removing the integrity and selection process of both primary parties.

Our current system allows for a Republican primary and a Democrat primary. Only Republicans can vote in the Republican primary. Democrats and Independents can vote in the Democrat primary. It is in the primary elections in which both parties vote to choose who will be their candidate who will advance to the general election—along with any independent who may have filed.

If the Jungle Primary (SQ 836) is adopted our elections will completely change as Republicans, Democrat and Independent candidate's names will all be thrown on a ballot and anyone can vote for any candidate.

The top two candidates with the most votes advance to the general election. This process potentially disenfranchises voters from both parties such as what took

place in Tulsa County in 2024 mayoral race. In that general election there were two Democrat candidates and no Republican for Republican voters to choose.

SQ 836 allows for the same voting system currently used in California and Washington.

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