

OKLAHOMA 2024 LAW ENFORCEMENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

This pocket reference guide contains key provisions found within Title 26 of the Oklahoma Code and other relevant sections.

- Threatening or intimidating an election official, directly or indirectly, is a misdemeanor.
- Coercing or falsely misleading a voter to prevent them from exercising their voting rights is a felony.
- Intimidating or interfering with a voter or with the orderly and lawful conduct of an election is a misdemeanor.

VOTING HOURS

Election Day
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2024 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election: June 18
General Election: November 5
For more election dates:
oklahoma.gov/elections/elections-results/next-election.html

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TO

Your local election official:
oklahoma.gov/elections/about-us/county-election-boards/county-election-board-directory.html

OK State Election Board:
405-21-2391 | info@elections.ok.gov
oklahoma.gov/elections



Coercion - False or Misleading Information - Threat or Intimidation of Election Official

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 16-109

A. Any person who, by means of coercion, providing false or misleading information or any other method, knowingly attempts to prevent a qualified elector from becoming registered, or a registered voter from voting, shall be deemed guilty of a felony.

B. Any person who, directly or indirectly, utters or addresses any threat or intimidation to any election official with intent to improperly influence an election shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Interference With Voter or Conduct of Election - Falsely Impersonating an Election Official

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 16-113

A. Any person, including a lawfully appointed watcher or exit pollster, who interferes with a registered voter who is attempting to vote, or any person who attempts to influence the vote of another by means of force or intimidation, or any person who interferes with the orderly and lawful conduct of an election shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

B. Any person who falsely impersonates an election official or who, without authority, performs any act reserved to election officials by law with intent to improperly influence an election shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars

(\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Tampering with Voting Devices

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 9-118

Any person who defaces a voting device, breaks, tampers with, impairs, impedes or otherwise interferes with the maintenance, adjustment, delivery, use or operation of any voting device or part thereof shall be guilty of a felony.

Unauthorized Access or Tampering with Election-Related System

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 16-124

Any person who intentionally accesses or attempts to access without authorization, tampers with or attempts to tamper with, or damages or attempts to damage, any hardware, software, application, network or any part of an election management system, election results tabulation system, voter registration system or other election-related system of the State Election Board or a county election board, shall be deemed guilty of a felony.

Using an Electronic Communication Device to Publish, Post, Make Publically Available Information Identifying a Peace Officer, Public Official, or Crime Victim - Definitions - Penalty and Fines

Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1176

A. Whoever, with the intent to threaten, intimidate or harass, or facilitate another to threaten, intimidate or harass, uses an electronic communication device to knowingly publish, post or otherwise make publicly available personally identifiable information of a peace

officer, public official, election official, medical care provider, or crime victim, and as a result places that peace officer, public official, election official, medical care provider, or crime victim in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction for a second or subsequent violation, the person shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

C. As used in this section:

1. "Crime victim" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 142A-1 of this title;
2. "Election Official" means a member or employee of the State Election Board or a county election board, the Secretary of the State Election Board or a county election board, or a person serving as a precinct official or absentee voting board member appointed as required by law;
3. "Electronic communication" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 1172 of this title. Electronic communication does not include broadcast transmissions or similar communications that are not targeted at any specific individual;
4. "Electronic communication device" means any cellular telephone, facsimile, pager, computer, or any device capable of electronic communication;

5. "Medical care provider" means a doctor, resident, intern, nurse, nurse practitioner, nurses' aide, ambulance attendant or operator, paramedic, emergency medical technician, laboratory technician, radiologic technologist, physical therapist, physician assistant, chaplain of a health care facility, volunteer of a health care facility, pharmacist, nursing student, medical student, member of a hospital security force, and any other employee or contractor working in or for a health care facility;
6. "Peace officer" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 99 of this title;
7. "Personally identifiable information" means information which can identify an individual including but not limited to name, birth date, place of birth, mother's maiden name, biometric records, Social Security number, official state- or government-issued driver license or identification number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number or any other information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial or employment information;
8. "Public official" means any person elected or appointed to a state office in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government or other political subdivision of the state; and
9. "Publish" means to circulate, deliver, distribute, disseminate, transmit, or otherwise make available to another person.

Electioneering

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 16-111

Any person who electioneers within three hundred (300) feet of the entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee voting site or a person who is standing in line to vote outside the polling place or in-person absentee voting site while an election is in progress, and any person except election officials, voters registered and voting at the polling place or in-person absentee voting site, a minor child or dependent accompanying such voters and other persons authorized by law who remains within fifty (50) feet of the entrance to a polling place or in-person absentee voting site while an election is in progress shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Failure to Perform Duty

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 16-114

Any member or employee of a county election board, absentee voting board or any precinct official who willfully fails to perform his or her lawful duty shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Removing Ballot From or Carrying Ballot Into Polling Place

Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 16-102.1

Any unauthorized person who knowingly removes a ballot from a polling place or who knowingly carries a ballot into a polling place shall be deemed guilty of a felony.

Possession of Firearm on School Property

Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1280.1

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession on any public or private school property or while in any school bus or vehicle used by any school for transportation of students or teachers any firearm or weapon designated in Section 1272 of this title, except as provided in subsection C of this section or as otherwise authorized by law.

[Pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1280.1 (C), exceptions to this section's prohibition on carrying loaded firearms on public school property include peace officers or other authorized law enforcement in the performance of their duties; certain designated, authorized school personnel; and individuals participating in a certified hunter training education course or other school-approved event.]

D. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

Unlawful Carry in Certain Places

Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1277

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed or unconcealed firearm into any of the following places:

1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

2. Any courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to process, hold or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent, except as provided in Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law;

F. Any person violating the provisions of paragraph 2 or 3 of subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

[Pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1277 (H), exceptions to this prohibition include the following persons if authorized and in the scope and course of their employment: peace officers, district judges, private investigators, county elected officials, and certain employees authorized by a county sheriff or board of county commissioners.]

