

BatesLine ballot card

Oklahoma general election

November 8, 2016

NOTE: This is a printable quick-reference guide. Some endorsements below are enthusiastic, without reservation, others qualified, hesitant. For the full archive of BatesLine stories on election 2016, visit <http://www.batesline.com/election2016>.

Federal

Office	Endorsee
Presidential Electors	Republican slate
U. S. Senate (full term)	James Lankford (R)
U. S. House	(R)

NOTE: Jim Bridenstine (CD 1) won re-election in the primary. Although I have my disappointments with the Oklahoma delegation, it will be important to maintain a Republican majority in the House. None of the three presidential candidates on the Oklahoma ballot are fit for the job, but in the event of an unexpected circumstance, I trust the men and women on the Republican elector slate to make a wiser choice than those on the other slates.

State Legislature

Office	Endorsee
Senate 25	Joe Newhouse (R)
Senate 29	Julie Daniels (R)
Senate 33	Nathan Dahm (R)
Senate 35	Gary Stanislawski (R)
Senate 37	Dan Newberry (R)
Senate 39	Dave Rader (R)
House 12	Kevin McDugle (R)
House 14	George Faught (R)
House 20	Bobby Cleveland (R)
House 31	Jason Murphey (R)
House 67	Scott McEachin (R)
House 69	Chuck Strohm (R)
House 76	David Brumbaugh (R)
House 80	Mike Ritze (R)
House 82	Kevin Calvey (R)

NOTE: In general, I encourage you to vote for Republican candidates, but the above mentioned deserve special mention as incumbents who have been stalwarts for the conservative cause or as newcomers who seem likely to join their ranks as stalwarts.

While there are a number of Libertarian legislative candidates, the few with a publicly accessible profile seem mostly interested in fringe issues like legalizing LSD. The candidates who support ordered liberty and limited government are running as Republicans.

Judicial Retention

Office	Justice / Judge	Vote
Supreme Court District 5	James R. Winchester	NO
Supreme Court District 8	Douglas L. Combs	NO
Court of Criminal Appeals, District 1	Clancy Smith	NO
Court of Criminal Appeals, District 2	Robert L. Hudson	YES
Court of Civil Appeals, District 3, Office 1	Tom Thornbrugh	NO
Court of Civil Appeals, District 3, Office 2	John F. Fischer	NO
Court of Civil Appeals, District 4, Office 2	Larry Joplin	NO

State Questions

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SQ	Vote	Topic
776	YES	Death penalty protection
777	NO	"Right to farm" amendment
779	NO	Permanent sales tax increase
780	NO	Drug possession always misdemeanor
781	NO	Savings fund from SQ 780
790	YES	Repeal anti-religion constitutional provision
792	NO	Replace bad alcohol laws with worse

Tulsa County

(separate ballot)

Office	Endorsee
County Commission District 2	Josh Turley
County Court Clerk	Don Newberry
Sheriff	Vic Regalado

City of Tulsa

(separate ballot)

Office	Endorsee
Council 1	Vanessa Hall-Harper
Council 2	No endorsement
Council 9	Eric McCray