

OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I - FEDERAL RELATIONS

SECTION I-1

Supreme law of land.

The State of Oklahoma is an inseparable part of the Federal Union, and the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

SECTION I-2

Religious liberty - Polygamous or plural marriages.

Perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and no inhabitant of the State shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religious worship; and no religious test shall be required for the exercise of civil or political rights. Polygamous or plural marriages are forever prohibited.

SECTION I-3

Unappropriated public lands - Indian lands - Jurisdiction of United States.

The people inhabiting the State do agree and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title in or to any unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries thereof, and to all lands lying within said limits owned or held by any Indian, tribe, or nation; and that until the title to any such public land shall have been extinguished by the United States, the same shall be and remain subject to the jurisdiction, disposal, and control of the United States. Land belonging to citizens of the United States residing without the limits of the State shall never be taxed at a higher rate than the land belonging to residents thereof. No taxes shall be imposed by the State on lands or property belonging to or which may hereafter be purchased by the United States or reserved for its use.

SECTION I-4

Territorial debts and liabilities.

The debts and liabilities of the Territory of Oklahoma are hereby assumed, and shall be paid by the State.

SECTION I-5

Public schools - Separate schools.

Provisions shall be made for the establishment and maintenance of a system of public schools, which shall be open to all the children of the state and free from sectarian control; and said schools shall always be conducted in English: Provided, that nothing herein shall preclude the teaching of other languages in said public schools. Amended by State Question No. 526, Legislative Referendum No. 220, adopted at election held on Nov. 7, 1978. Amendment proposed by Laws 1977, p. 981, S.J.R. No. 18.

SECTION I-6

Right of suffrage.

The State shall never enact any law restricting or abridging the right of suffrage on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

SECTION I-7. Repealed by State Question No. 386, Referendum Petition No. 121, adopted at election held April 7, 1959. Repeal proposed by Laws 1959, p. 479, S.J.R. No. 1.