# Senate Judiciary Committee Interim Study 25-010 (Early Voting)



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# Oklahoma Constitution Article 3, Section 4

"The **Legislature shall prescribe** the time and manner of holding and conducting all elections, and enact such laws as may be necessary to detect and punish fraud in such elections."



Available 2 to 4 days, depending on type of election.

- All elections: Thursday and Friday immediately preceding Election Day (8am-6pm)
- Regular State Primaries and Runoffs: Saturday immediately preceding Election Day (8am-2pm)
- Regular General Elections: Wednesday immediately preceding Election Day (8am-6pm)



### Each county is required to have one site

- Counties with 25,000+ voters and/or an area of 1,500+ square miles may have more than one site
  - Subject to approval by Secretary of the State Election Board

Site(s) selected by Secretary of the County Election Board

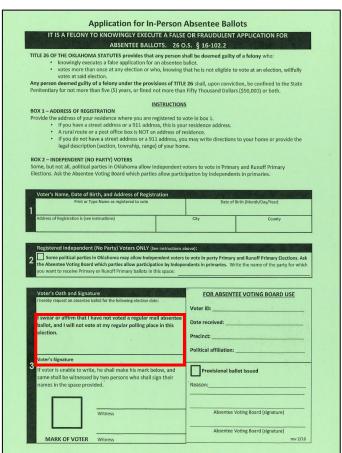


Each site must have at least one Absentee Voting Board

- Must consist of one Republican and one Democrat
  - Paid \$200/day + mileage
- State elections: daily pay and mileage funded by State Election Board
- Local elections: daily pay and mileage funded by local entity



- No excuse necessary
- Voter completes in-person absentee ballot application
- Voter will swear/affirm they have not voted by mail absentee and will not vote on Election Day
- Appropriate ballot(s) issued by Absentee Voting Board





- Voter signs "absentee voting record" to confirm receipt of ballot(s)
- Voting process "same as if the voter were casting a vote in person at a precinct"
- Voter privately marks ballot(s) "in the presence of the absentee voting board"
- Voter deposits ballot(s) "in a voting device designated for in-person absentee voting"

County	Date of Voting Election Date						
Election							-
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3.				23.			Τ
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5.				25.			
6.				26.			Τ
7.				27.			
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9.				29.			Τ
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Signature of Member of	Absentee Voting	g Board	d				
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- Printout of results are prohibited (voting device cannot print Early Voting results)
- Storage media removed from voting device and sealed
- Ballots sealed in transfer case
- Ballots and storage media secured by Sheriff each day
- Storage media returned next day, if necessary



# Cost of In-Person Absentee Voting for State and Federal Elections

- State Election Board costs are approximately \$100k per day, per election
- State Election Board pays for AVB, state/federal absentee ballots and election materials
- County election board costs include staff overtime, facility rental, equipment/ballot security, onsite security (e.g., Sheriff), computers, voting booths, etc.
  - County Costs are funded by the county



# **In-person Absentee Vote Totals 2024**

#### November 5, 2024 General Election

- For President and Vice President
  - Total Votes Cast: 293,206

#### June 18, 2024 Primary Election

- For Corporation Commissioner (Rep)
  - Total Votes Cast: 19,415
- No statewide Democratic or Libertarian primary



## **In-Person Absentee Vote Totals**

#### November 8, 2022 General Election November 3, 2020 General Election

- Governor
  - Total Votes Cast: 132,242
  - June 28, 2022 Primary Election
  - Governor (Rep)
    - Total Votes Cast: 20,258
  - Governor (Dem)
    - Total Votes Cast: 8,561
  - No statewide Libertarian primary

- President and Vice President
  - Total Votes Cast: 167,185

#### June 30, 2020 Primary Election

- State Question 802
  - Total Votes Cast: 34,504



## **In-Person Absentee Vote Totals**

#### November 6, 2018 General Election November 8, 2016 General Election

- Governor
  - Total Votes Cast: 107,003

#### June 26, 2018 Primary Election

- State Question 788
  - Total Votes Cast: 47,429

- President and Vice President
  - Total Votes Cast: 152,126

#### June 28, 2016 Primary Election

- United States Senator (Lib)
  - Total Votes Cast: 79
- No statewide Republican or Democratic Primary



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