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## LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD BASED ON THE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

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## OK Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
			YES
			✗
<b>1. SB1122 Funding Government Schools</b> (passed 70 to 24 on 5/30/2024). Outlines the allocation and budgeting of \$5.9 billion for the public school system for FY 2024-25. <b>Estimated cost per household: -\$3,871.00/year.</b>			
			YES
			★
<b>2. SB426 Restoring State and National Sovereignty</b> (passed 74 to 19 on 5/30/2024). Establishes that the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum have no jurisdiction in the state of Oklahoma.			
			YES
			★
<b>3. HB4156 Local Enforcement of Immigration Law</b> (passed 77 to 20 on 4/18/2024). Makes illegal migration a state crime punishable by fine and/or imprisonment and requires any person convicted or released from custody to leave Oklahoma within 72 hours.			
			NO
			✗
<b>4. SJR34 Judicial Checks and Balances</b> (failed 36 to 60 on 4/16/2024). Would, if approved by voters, amend the Oklahoma Constitution by granting the Governor the power to nominate and appoint all judicial officers with the advice and consent of the Legislature.			
			NO
			✗
<b>5. HB3323 Ban on Central Bank Digital Currency</b> (passed 55 to 41 on 3/12/2024). Would exclude a Central Bank Digital Currency from the definition of "money."			
			YES
			★
<b>6. HB2643 Nullifying Federal Gun Control</b> (passed 72 to 21 on 3/21/2023). Would have affirmed that firearms manufactured, sold, and purchased in Oklahoma are not subject to federal law or regulation.			

Scorecard Votes: 50%

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. Funding Government Schools

SB1122 outlines the FY 2024-25 budget for the public school system.

Education is not the role of government—rather, it is the responsibility of a child's parents or family. This bill only continues the government's monopoly over K-12 education, which seeks to turn every student into a government-school student. The best "school choice," by far, is for parents to choose not to place their child's education in the hands of the state. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved by forcing other citizens to furnish their hard-earned tax dollars to fund all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

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## 2. Restoring State and National Sovereignty

SB426 establishes that the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum have no jurisdiction in Oklahoma.

The U.S. should fully withdraw from the entire UN system, which is comprised of not only "specialized agencies," such as the WHO, but "strategic partners," like the WEF. The UN poses one of the greatest threats to state and national sovereignty, not to mention the God-given rights of the American people. Since 1945, the UN Charter, which is completely antithetical to the U.S. Constitution, has established an international framework for expanding global governance, with the ultimate goal of building a totalitarian one-world state. Oklahoma must call on Congress and the President to pursue a sound, just, and traditional foreign policy of non-interventionism, based on U.S. interests and the original intent of the Founding Fathers. It's time to *Get US Out!* of the UN.

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## 3. Local Enforcement of Immigration Law

HB4156 makes illegal migration a state crime and requires any person convicted or released from custody to leave Oklahoma within 72 hours.

Persons who enter the U.S. illegally—which, by definition, is a crime under federal law—should not be permitted sanctuary, let alone be aided and abetted by law enforcement. Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution clearly gives Congress power to "establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization." Rather than pursue blatantly unconstitutional and anti-American policies that undermine the rule of law and erode the value of citizenship, the States should exercise their powers under the 10th Amendment to end the illegal-migrant invasion and provide for the public safety.

## 4. Judicial Checks and Balances

SJR34 (House Committee Substitute) would, if approved by voters, amend the Oklahoma Constitution by granting the Governor the power to nominate and appoint all judicial officers with the advice and consent of the Legislature.

The 15-member Judicial Nominating Commission, which includes six publicly unelected members of the Oklahoma Bar Association, functions as a nepotism scheme to circumvent representative government "of, by, and for the people." Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution guarantees "to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government," meaning government limited to the "rule of law," with a separation of powers among members of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, each of whom derives their authority from the people. Yet, Oklahoma's judicial system is only as good as it applies "the supreme Law of the Land." Our federal system of checks and balances was designed so that no person may legitimately be appointed to any non-elected public office apart from having been nominated in good faith by, or confirmed with the consent of, at least one of the elected bodies of government.

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## 5. Ban on Central Bank Digital Currency

HB3323 would exclude a Central Bank Digital Currency from the definition of "money."

A Central Bank Digital Currency would be an unconstitutional and intolerable expansion of tyranny under the Federal Reserve—presenting a significant danger to Americans' civil liberties by decimating personal privacy and allowing for a full-fledged surveillance state. According to Article 1, Section 10, of the U.S. Constitution, "No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." The States can and must act now to avow their adherence to constitutionally sound money.

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## 6. Nullifying Federal Gun Control

HB2643 (House Committee Substitute) would have affirmed that firearms manufactured, sold, and purchased in Oklahoma are not subject to federal law or regulation.

This bill would have prevented government entities from enforcing unconstitutional federal gun control edicts, helping to restore the rights of law-abiding citizens. The U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment expressly declares that to ensure the "security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Whenever the federal government assumes power to impose firearms restrictions in blatant violation of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, nullification of such acts by the States is the proper remedy.