

Upcoming Events for Oklahoma Libertarians

Oklahoma Home Schoolers Capitol Day
 Tuesday, February 17, 2004
 State Capital
 2300 N Lincoln Blvd
 Oklahoma City, OK

Michael Badnarik
 LP Presidential Candidate
 University of Central Oklahoma
 Wednesday, March 3, 2004
 Edmond, OK

Proposed OKLP Bylaw Change

Add to Article Six, Section 6.01

(d) Any Chairman Emeritus present at a meeting of the State Executive Council.

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Section 6.08 A former Chairperson becomes eligible for the title of Chairman Emeritus after no less than one year from the end of a term to any office on the State Executive Committee. A Chairman Emeritus may only be removed from the position by two-third(2/3) vote at a State Convention. A Chairman Emeritus who is elected or appointed to any other position on the State Executive Council acts in the capacity of the other position until the end of service in that position, and then reverts to the status of Chairman Emeritus.

Add to Article Seven

Section 7.14 Any eligible former Chairperson of the State Party can be designated a Chairman Emeritus by a two-third(2/3) vote.

This By-Law change will allow for former State Chairs to be named as a Chairman Emeritus, but only after they have not been on the State Executive Council for at least a year. They will only be counted as members of the State Executive Council when present at meetings, and thus absent members do not affect quorum. This is a means to honor former Chairs, allow former Chairs to be active at a level of their choosing, and help retain some of the institutional memory of the OKLP.

Brian Sanders
 Differences Narrowing in Parties
Daily Oklahoman
 December 5, 2003

Thomas Bell
 A Third Option / Gift From God
Daily Oklahoman
 December 5, 2003 / January 9, 2004

Chris Powell
 A Different View of Government
Daily Oklahoman
 January 28, 2004

Richard Prawdzienski
 Help Defend Constitution for All Citizens
Daily Oklahoman
 January 24, 2004

Jimmy Cook
 Vote Libertarian
Tulsa World
 January 28, 2004

Fred Bross
 Time to End Ban
Daily Oklahoman
 January 30, 2004



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Letters to the Editor this Issue

Property Taxes Can You Influence the Decision?

County officials and legislators unveiled a plan to give property tax relief to more homeowners 65 and older. Four Oklahoma legislators, Rep Clay Pope (D-Loyal), Rep. Bill Case (R-Midwest City), Sen Angela Monson (D-OKC) and Sen Glenn Coffee (R-OKC) will author a bill to change the Oklahoma Constitution to give some senior citizens a tax break on their homestead.

Currently seniors, 65 and older, have their property values frozen at 65 if they have an income of \$25,000 or less. Member of the County Government Legislative Council, which represents 616 elected county officials, have proposed the income cap be raised. They have suggested the cap be raised county by county based on the county's median income; a range of \$31,500 to \$52,200.

Raising the cap is a step in the right direction. But is it good enough? Some Libertarians raised the question, "Should there be any income cap; exempt all seniors?" There are dozens of other possibilities such as a firm dollar amount of \$100,000 or doubling median income amount for seniors with military service, etc.

Hopefully, we won't philosophize on the issue but instead focus on moving one step forward toward a smaller less oppressive government.

We can expect to hear objections from all of those who receive money from the property tax scheme, especially folks involved in the School System. The president of Oklahoma Education Association is reported to have said, "OEA will oppose any change in the property assessments that will take money away from underfunded schools".)

Can Libertarians play a major role in the outcome? Changing the property tax assessment rule for seniors is a two step process. First a bill to amend the Constitutional provision must be passed out of the Capitol, then it needs to be approved by the voters. Can you influence the wording of the bill? What does your area legislator think about the suggested bill? What do your County Commissioners think of the bill? How many folks in your county will benefit from the proposed income cap and how many will benefit from language you would prefer to see?

What role would you like to play in rewriting Section 10-8 of the Constitution? You can meet lots of people and add excitement to your routine. Your actions today can make Oklahoma a better place to live.

Oklahoma Constitution Section X-8C: Limit on fair cash value on homestead.

Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 1997, the fair cash value, as determined by law, on each homestead of an individual head of household whose gross household income from all sources for the preceding calendar year did not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), and which individual head of household is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, shall not exceed the fair cash value placed upon the property during the first year in which the individual head of household was sixty-five (65) years of age or older and had gross household income from all sources of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or less.

- Richard Prawdzienski

Ballot Access Benefit Party Raised Money for Ballot Access

Tulsa LIBERTYFEST 2003 was held on Sunday Night, December 21st, 2003, at CURLY'S, Tulsa from 7 PM until Midnight. The purpose of the benefit was to promote liberty, raise funds and gather petition signatures to get the Libertarian Party on the ballot in Oklahoma. Many artists performed and money was raised. Thanks to Rocky Frisco for his hard work in setting up this, hopefully, yearly event.

