

PRESS RELEASE #3 – PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES

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Oklahomans who want to change party affiliation, must submit their change no later than March 31 Grant County Election Board Secretary Robyn Rapp said today. Voters may change their party affiliation online using the OK Voter Portal at elections.ok.gov/ovp or by completing a new Voter Registration Application.

Rapp reminds voters that no party changes are allowed between April 1 and August 31 during an even-numbered year.

“If we receive your request after March 31, we are required by law to hold that request and process it in September,” Rapp said.

Oklahoma has three recognized parties: Democrat, Republican, and Libertarian.

In Oklahoma, voters must be a registered member of a party in order to vote in that party’s primary election. Independents are permitted to participate in a primary election, only if a party officially requests its elections be opened to Independent voters. Currently, only the Democratic Party allows Independents to vote in its primary elections.

All registered voters, regardless of political affiliation, can vote for any candidate during a General Election.

Voter Registration Applications can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at: elections.ok.gov. Applications are also available at the Grant County Election Board located at 112 E. Guthrie. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, contact the County Election Board at 112 E. Guthrie or grantcounty27@elections.ok.gov.