

OK-SAFE Position on Oklahoma State Questions on Nov. 2, 2010 Ballot -Updated 10-01-10

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## State Question 744 - Education Funding

#### OK-SAFE, Inc. - Recommends a NO vote on SQ 744

Note: "SQ 744 is a proposal by the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) that would force the state to spend nearly a billion dollars more on education by cutting all other state agencies or raise your taxes by the same amount." [Source: <a href="www.stop744.com">www.stop744.com</a>] Further, it violates local control of education principles.

#### State Question 746 - Voter ID

**OK-SAFE, Inc. – Recommends a NO Vote on SQ 746** Due to concerns that this measure is part of the incremental steps being taken towards the creation of a national/international ID card. NOTE: Mexico has created a National Biometric Identification card (fingerprints, photo, and iris scan) which is set to replace their current voter ID card.

#### State Question 747 - Term Limits for Statewide Elected Officials

OK-SAFE, Inc. - Recommends a YES Vote on SQ 747

# **State Question 748 - Apportionment**

**OK-SAFE, Inc. – Recommends a NO on SQ** 748 due to the continued concentration of powers being given to the Speaker of the House and the Senate Pro-Tempore, (paving the way for conflict of interest), this ballot measure raises some concerns, namely the issue of powers of appointment versus commission members who are elected in general elections and who can be held accountable.

# State Question 750 - Ballot Access

### OK-SAFE, Inc. – Recommends a YES Vote on SQ 750

Note: The rationale behind the changing of the election used is because of the massive shifts in voter turnout. The Presidential General Election usually has a higher turnout. Thus, the measure would generally have a lowering effect on the number of required signatures.

# State Question 751 – English Language for Official Actions

OK-SAFE, Inc. - Recommends a YES Vote on SQ 751.

### State Question 752 – Judicial Nominating Commission

**OK-SAFE, Inc. takes no position on SQ 752** [Observation: Given the current trend of the OK legislature, and the support of the State Chamber for this ballot question, the most likely appointees would be from the private sector with connections to special interest groups.]

# State Question 754 – State Appropriations

OK-SAFE, Inc. – Recommends a NO Vote on SQ 754 Although in agreement with the initial intent of this legislation, there are serious concerns with limiting the power of future legislatures to amend the state's Constitution; additionally, there are concerns about possible unintended consequences of undoing beneficial existing and/or future Constitutional formulas. (Heads up: the State Chamber of Commerce *supports* this bill)

### State Question 755 – State Courts and Law

**OK-SAFE, Inc. – Suggests a tentative YES on SQ 755** There are still concerns with consulting other states' laws, i.e. states that recognize homosexual marriage, being considered in OK courts. One lawyer we consulted did not think this would be an issue, but was an opinion only.

### **State Question 756 – Health Insurance**

**OK-SAFE**, Inc. — **OK-SAFE** recommends a YES Vote on SQ 756 Even though this is the weaker of the two bills introduced in 2010 opposing the federal healthcare bill, it is the only option on the November 2, 2010 Ballot addressing this issue.

### State Question 757 - Rainy Day Fund

**OK-SAFE, Inc. – Recommends a NO Vote on SQ 757** Since the reserve money (our money) ends up in a Reserve Fund that the Legislature has demonstrated it will tap into for virtually any reason under the sun, we cannot support increasing this surplus revenue amount by 50%.