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Wrong Time

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VOTE NO ON SQ 776

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NOVEMBER 8

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776**

Accomplishes no valid purpose

Circumvents traditional checks & balances
of our 3-Branch government system

Neither protects or changes
Oklahoma's death penalty

Invites costly legal
challenges for tax payers

It is too soon to vote on the death penalty because
ongoing studies and findings are incomplete

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Should we allow the Legislature to avoid the traditional checks and balances of our three-branch system of government? State Question 776 seeks to forbid Oklahoma courts from its traditional role of interpreting the constitutionality of the law regarding the death penalty.

SQ 776 seeks to preserve existing death sentences in the event that a particular method of execution is invalidated by the courts. At about the same time as the legislature put SQ 776 on the ballot, it also passed HB 1879. HB 1879 has already accomplished that goal.

It is too soon to ask Oklahoma voters to weigh in on the death penalty. The bipartisan Oklahoma Death Penalty Review Commission is examining the state's death penalty system from top to

bottom. The commission, co-chaired by former Gov. Brad Henry, former Judge & Prosecutor Reta Strubhar, and former judge Andy Lester, will complete its work in 2017.

There is widespread concern with the recent failures of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to properly conduct executions. The Multi-County Grand Jury investigation revealed serious problems in the administration of Oklahoma's death penalty.

It is wrong to add the death penalty into the Constitution and the state's Bill of Rights, especially when the government has shown it can't handle the awesome responsibility of life and death.

Why should Oklahomans vote no on State Question 776?

- ❌ SQ 776 neither changes, protects or places the death penalty at risk in Oklahoma
- ❌ SQ 776 does not impact Oklahoma's ability to carry out executions, but it will open up the state to further costly legal challenges paid for by taxpayers
- ❌ SQ 776 will be voted on before the bipartisan Oklahoma Death Penalty Review Commission completes its work in 2017.
- ❌ SQ 776 may be voted on at a time when the Department of Corrections has yet to respond to Multi-County Grand Jury findings.
- ❌ SQ 776 was placed on the ballot in a bold attempt by the legislature to undermine the role of the courts to interpret Oklahoma law. This violates the traditional checks and balances of our three-branch system of government.
- ❌ SQ 776 is a waste of legislative effort and tax payer resources. Say NO to SQ 776.

Oklahomans of all political parties and faith groups, regardless of their opinion about the death penalty, are coming together to **urge a NO vote on SQ 776 on November 8th!**

See the specific constitutional language, links to additional facts and background information, pledge to vote no, volunteer for the campaign and more on our web page at

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