

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 25

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution denouncing the failure to enforce Senate rules and constitutional standards regarding intoxication in the chamber; condemning retaliatory actions against Senator Shane Jett; and calling for the immediate reinstatement of Senator Shane Jett as Vice Chair of the Committee on Administrative Rules and as a Presiding Officer.

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5-5 D. of the Standing Rules of the Senate the 60th Oklahoma Legislature (2025-2026) clearly states: "The assumption of alcohol is forbidden in the chamber, and any member is in the chamber in an intoxicated state will be removed by security personnel"; and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 11 of the Oklahoma Constitution provides that "Drunkenness and the excessive use of intoxicating liquors while in office shall constitute sufficient cause for impeachment or removal therefrom"; and

WHEREAS, credible concerns were raised during the 2025 legislative session regarding apparent intoxication among certain senators while conducting official business in the chamber; and

1 WHEREAS, Senate leadership, including President Pro Tempore
2 Lonnie Paxton, failed to investigate or enforce the aforementioned
3 rule and constitutional provision despite being made aware of such
4 concerns; and

5 WHEREAS, in response to public disclosure of these issues,
6 Senator Shane Jett has been removed from his position as Vice Chair
7 of the Committee on Administrative Rules and from the rotation as
8 Presiding Officer, roles essential to upholding chamber decorum and
9 rules enforcement; and

10 WHEREAS, such actions appear retaliatory and undermine the
11 integrity of Senate procedures, sending a message that violations of
12 rules and the Constitution may go unpunished while transparency is
13 penalized.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
15 OF THE 60TH LEGISLATURE:

16 THAT the Senate denounces the failure to enforce Senate Rule 5-5
17 D. and Article 2, Section 11 of the Oklahoma Constitution regarding
18 intoxication in the chamber.

19 THAT the Senate condemns any retaliatory measures taken against
20 Senator Shane Jett for raising legitimate concerns about adherence
21 to rules and constitutional standards.

22 THAT the Senate calls upon Senate leadership to immediately
23 reinstate Senator Shane Jett to his position as Vice Chair of the

1 Committee on Administrative Rules and to restore him to the
2 Presiding Officer rotation.

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