



## Open Government Initiative, Incorporated

We are a nonprofit organization which seeks to expose legislative practices and rules promoting back room deals and secret government.

### We support:

- Ending the practice of killing bills without a hearing
- Ending political gatekeeping in the legislative process
- Restoring fair representation
- Increasing civic engagement in the legislative process
- Eliminating secret votes for leadership positions

### We Oppose the Tyranny of the Few

In Oklahoma, most power lies with three people: the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President Pro Tempore. **This tiny minority of only three people make all decisions about what gets done in our state.** These leaders are contacted by special interest groups, wealthy donors, and other influential groups to make decisions based on personal agendas – not the will of the voters. There's an invisible fourth seat at the table, pulling the strings and deciding what is best for the public.

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### Your Vote Doesn't Matter!!!

In Oklahoma, all legislative power resides in the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore. The rules give leadership and their hand-picked lieutenants absolute power to deny your representatives' and senators' bills a fair hearing.

### SILENCING YOUR VOICE IN THE PROCESS!!!

Leadership threatens legislators to go along with their agenda or their bills will never be heard. They kill bills in committee by refusing to give them an initial hearing. Why? Because special interest and large donors do not want the bills to be heard. This practice violates YOUR constitutional rights of free speech and redress of government.

### No More Secret Votes!!!



The Oklahoma Legislature holds closed-door meetings to elect the Speaker & Senate Pro Tem, and other Leaders by **SECRET VOTE**. Members of the House and Senate behave as though they are not answerable to "We the People" on how they cast their vote for leadership.

### **THIS MUST BE STOPPED!!**

The Speaker and the Senate Pro Tem have

practically all power over the affairs of the House and Senate. They choose the membership of each committee, the chair and vice chair, and assign all bills to committee. They deny other duly elected members the right to have their bills heard and they give this power to the chairperson. This is . . .

### Too Much Power in the Hands of Too Few!

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