



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OKLAHOMA INTERCOLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE

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Honorable Delegates and Members,

There has been another official legally binding opinion requested. This one is VERY interesting. The question submitted is “Do you think the Attorney General can be a member of the legislature?”

My opinion is actually Yes! Although they shouldn't be.

Nowhere under either the Constitution or Statutes does it list a restriction specifying that the Attorney General CANNOT be a member of the Legislature. The Statutes specifically outline this restriction for other members of the Executive, like the Secretary of State, Press Secretary, and Chief of Staff, just to name a few. As the Constitution and Statutes are currently written, the Attorney General COULD BE a member of either house of the legislature. I would highly encourage a delegate to write Internal Legislation to place this restriction upon the Attorney General as well.

Respectfully,

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