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to recast their votes. The recall resulted in two members changing their votes, passing the measure with a vote of 6 to 2.

Supported by the Oklahoma Press Association (OPA), the measure would require the OSBI to provide computerized information of all its criminal history information, a dangerous task, according to the OSBI.

"The whole purpose is not to deny access to the media," said Kym Koch, OSBI public information officer. "We don't feel like we can protect the integrity of the data. We can't guarantee the integrity of the reporter to double-check that record or the integrity of that entity to update their records on a daily basis."

Koch said OSBI technology currently does not allow for up to the minute updates in status, which is constantly changing.

"Good people can get hurt by the dissemination of raw data," said Sen. Dick Wilkerson, D-Atwood, calling the potential of inaccurate information being released too high. "Unless your name is Zoran Brusanovich, there is a good chance your name is on file."

A similar measure passed both houses of the Legislature two years ago, "without a single dissenting vote," said Weedn. It was vetoed by Gov. David Walters.

"The OSBI is in the business of selling their records for the purpose of making money to spend any way they want," said OPA President Ben Blackstock. "The only way we are going to know the OSBI has rotten records is to have them operate under the Open Records Act as it is."

The measure now goes before the House for consideration.

A measure by Sen. Darryl Roberts, D-Ardmore, recodifying Oklahoma's entire criminal code was killed. The measure never emerged from Rep. William Paulk's House Committee on Criminal Justice last year.

It is uncertain if Roberts will tackle the issue again next year. The measure, coupled with SBI, another recodifying measure, represent some eight years of work for the veteran lawmaker.

Roberts stated last year, that if the measure failed this time, he would not bring it up again. It remains to be seen if he will change his mind or not.

Capitol Network News will continue to follow these and other measures as they wind their way through the halls, offices and chambers of the Legislature. With just approximately eight weeks left in the Second Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature, one thing is certain: the scramble for the governor's signature will be exciting.

LAWMAKER DISCUSSES 'SATURDAY EXPERIMENT'

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■(GIT) Oklahoma voters are not as likely to accept the idea of returning to the caucus system to choose delegates to national political party conventions as are state Democrats who voted earlier this month to ask the legislature to do just that, an Oklahoma City lawmaker believes.

Speaking during a recent meeting of the Senate's Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation, Sen. Keith Leftwich, D-Oklahoma City, said, "The genie is out of the bottle, and I don't think the voters are going to want to go back."

The Oklahoma City Democrat was referring to a request from state Democrats who voted during their annual convention this month to ask lawmakers to do away with the quadannual presidential preference primary. If the primary is eliminated, caucuses would be used to choose the delegates to the national party conventions.

Democrats cited a number of reasons for their request, particularly low voter turnout. Other speculation about the request has centered on the way delegates to the national convention are chosen — by the state campaign chairman for the winning candidate — to the possibility that obscure candidates, such as Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., have shown the potential to win state delegates under the current system.

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