

## OHIO STATE GRANGE

### PRESENT POLICY: LABOR AND JUDICIARY (GOVERNMENT)

1999-2009

#### 1999 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Opposes any attempt by the U.S. Congress to dissolve or incorporate PERS, SERS and STRS in the Social Security System.
2. Opposes any legislation which would result in an "unfunded mandate".
3. Supports legislation requiring plaintiff(s) to reimburse all persons summoned as prospective jurors for all "out of pocket" expenses incurred (including lost wages) in preparation for their appearance when the plea bargain has been agreed to less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled court date.
4. Supports legislation which would allow for State Representatives tenure to be extended from 8 to 12 years, the same as State Senate.
5. Opposes changes in the current structure of county government or suggestions for changes by the Ohio Futures Courts Commission.
6. Supports any enforcement requirements of the Brady Bill, including prosecution of criminals who make perjurious statements, be funded because it is a federal law.
7. Supports legislation requiring everything except guns, drugs and drug paraphernalia seized by any law enforcement agency be advertised to be sold at public auction.
8. Encourages our government to reduce the national debt.

#### 2000 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports reestablishing the funding of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Noise Abatement and Control.
2. Supports that the municipality should be required to post bond sufficient to cover the cost of services such as water and sewer, when annexing land. And when said services are not provided within a reasonable length of time, the proceeds of the bond should be given to the government body from which the land was taken.
3. Continue effort to see that Ohio continues to try for a postage stamp commemorating this event in the year 2003.
4. Supports law in the Ohio State legislature that would levy a fine per incident on any one who is found to have attached an unauthorized sign to a utility pole.

5. Supports law to criminalize a refusal to take a breath, blood or urine test when arrested for DUI.
6. Opposes federal gun registration.

#### 2001 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation that would prohibit the release of any information on National Elections, which may influence voting in the western states until all polls within the 50 states are closed.
2. Supports legislation that would lift the restrictions on American citizens traveling to Cuba.
3. Supports legislation to encourage the county auditors to test gasoline and other fuel.
4. Supports an attempt of the United Nations to reach an agreement to limit sales of these "light" weapons and have the United States support the effort to reach a treaty.
5. Supports the Aslanides Bill which allows for the carrying of concealed handguns under specific circumstances and requirements.

#### 2002 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges the state executive and legislative branches to restore funding to the Ohio State Fair and provide for additional funding and opportunities to serve Ohioans of all ages and interests.
2. Supports the development of a permanent site for Ohio State Fair archives on the Ohio Expo Center grounds and supports the appointment of a archivist to staff and maintain the records and displays, with the site to be open to those studying or publicizing the fair and to other interested persons.
3. Supports punishment of any terrorist tried and convicted by the USA, and/or International Courts, be given automatically a life sentence without parole or a death sentence.
4. Supports legislation both State and National levels to ensure that present and past workers who have invested in a bankrupt company's stock or retirement plan be compensated in full before any of the company's remaining assets are divided between corporate lawyers and other creditors. Also supports that the executives of these bankrupt companies receive an appropriate sentence to show other CEO's the necessity of accountability as opposed to "looting" it for their own personal gain.
5. Supports legislation to require law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission to promptly investigate and prosecute all reported scam artists.
6. Supports better treatment to our veterans and encourage legislation to be introduced to protect the authority of Veteran Service Commissions.

#### 2003 RESOLUTIONS:

No Resolutions passed on the delegate floor.

#### 2004 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation that would allow child support enforcement agencies to hold absent parents who are on social security responsible financially for their children.
2. Supports stronger penalties for all convicted criminals and jail them immediately after conviction.
3. Suggest that the Ohio State Grange Legislative Director make materials available to our local grange legislative chairpersons to educate members concerning wills, estates and trusts.
4. Supports limits on the amount of money spent on campaigning for public offices and issues.

#### 2005 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports the concept called Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act.
2. Opposes Puerto Rico as a state.
3. Supports maximizing the penalties given by judges to convicted drug dealers and users.
4. Supports repealing CAFTA and protect American jobs.

#### 2006 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges the passage of State of Ohio legislation requiring that dog pound fees, licenses fees and related citations be paid in full to regain ownership of nuisance dogs, etc., that have caused property and/or livestock damage.

#### 2007 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports requesting the Department of natural Resources to use Ohio State issued identification for fishing privileges for persons over the age of 65, therefore eliminating the cost producing annual licenses.
2. Opposes any legislation aimed at eliminating the Mayor's Court system.

#### 2008 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Opposing the construction of any Ohio Casino.
2. Supports the Ohio Secretary of State not mandating election requirements that result in higher operating cost for each County Board of Elections. Should the Secretary of State require these mandates then the State should supply the funds to cover the costs.

## 2009 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports working with legislators to restore funding of Ohio State Extension under the Ohio State University to the initial \$26.3 million and permit OSU Extension to continue its reorganization plan and provide information to all Ohioans.
2. Oppose installing private slot machines at horse race tracks around Ohio. Add to existing policy opposing the building of casinos.
3. Urges the revision of the Ohio Revised Code 6101 so that any continued assessment and future assessments be submitted to the voters within the district for their approval or disapproval.
4. Oppose any bill that includes a government run health care system.