

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1020

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new section to Article X to be designated as Section 9E, which relates to revenue and taxation; authorizing certain millage levy to maintain county sheriff departments within each county; requiring voter approval of such levy and specifying procedures therefor; specifying amount of levy; providing that levy be recurring until repealed and providing procedures therefor; restricting areas in which revenues may be spent; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 9E to read as follows:

Section 9E. A. For the purpose of supplementing the county sheriff departments, an additional annual ad valorem tax levy not to exceed ten (10) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the jurisdiction of the county may be levied when such levy is approved by a majority vote of the registered voters of the county voting on the question at an election called for that purpose by the board of county commissioners of the county, or by initiative petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the county. This levy shall provide only the amount of revenue necessary to meet the needs of the county for the provision, operation and maintenance of county sheriff

departments. All revenues received from the additional levy shall be spent in the county where the levy was approved.

B. If the additional mill levy provided for in subsection A of this section is approved by a majority of the voters voting at the election, an additional annual recurring ad valorem tax levy shall be made each fiscal year until repealed by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting on the question at an election called for such purposes by the board of county commissioners or by initiative petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the county.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_

State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would add a new Section 9E to Article 10. It would allow an annual property tax levy for a county to maintain county sheriff departments. The levy could only be made if approved by a majority of the voters of the county. The levy will only provide enough monies to meet the needs of the county. The monies will be used for the operation and maintenance of the county sheriff departments. The levy could not be more than ten mills on the dollar value of property. The levy would be made yearly until repealed by the voters of the county. All monies from the levy would have to be spent in the county where the levy was approved.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

   / YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

   / NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

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