

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1047

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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 Section 15 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; providing for the membership of the Corporation Commission; increasing such membership; specifying election requirements; modifying term of office; providing for vacancies; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND 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 Section 15 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 15. A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to be composed of ~~three~~ seven (7) persons, ~~who shall be~~. The Commission shall be elected by the people ~~at a~~ by general election ~~for State officers, and their terms of office shall be six years: Provided, Corporation Commissioners first elected under this Constitution shall hold office as follows: One shall serve until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and nine; one until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and eleven; and one until the second Monday in January nineteen hundred and thirteen; their terms to be decided by lot immediately after they shall have qualified.~~
One member shall be elected from each of the six (6) Congressional

Districts as they existed in 1991. Each of the six members shall be a resident of the Congressional District from which elected. The final Commissioner shall be elected at large.

The terms of office for the initial Commissioners to be elected at the next general election shall be as follows:

1. The Commissioners elected at large shall serve until the second Monday in January 1996;
2. The Commissioners elected from Districts 2, 4 and 6 shall serve until the second Monday in January 1997; and
3. The Commissioners elected from Districts 1, 3 and 5 shall serve until the second Monday in January 1998.

Their successors shall serve four-year terms. In case of a vacancy in said office, the Governor ~~of the State~~ shall fill such vacancy by appointment until the next general election, when a successor shall be elected to fill out any unexpired term.

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 amends Section 15 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. It increases the membership of the Corporation Commission from three (3) to seven (7). Six (6) members would be elected from the Congressional Districts. One (1) would be elected at large. The measure changes the terms of office of the Commissioners from six (6) years to four (4) years.

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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