

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1072

By: Webb

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 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, which relates to the Board on Legislative Compensation; allowing members of the Legislature to refuse compensation increases; making the refusal irreversible; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH 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 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created. ~~Said~~ The Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be from religious organizations, communications media, nonstate-supported educational institutions, labor organizations,

and retail business; the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be from agricultural and civic organizations; and the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be from manufacturing and from professional fields not otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be appointed to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members ~~above provided for~~ specified in this subsection, the Chairman of the Tax Commission and the Director of State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of ~~said~~ the Board. The Chairman of ~~said~~ the Board shall be designated by the Governor.

C. Members of the Legislature shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative Compensation. ~~Said~~ The Board shall each two years review the compensation paid to the members of the Legislature and shall be empowered to change such compensation; such change to become effective on the fifteenth day following the succeeding general election.

D. Members of the Legislature may refuse to accept an increase in compensation provided by the Board on Legislative Compensation. If a member refuses to accept an increase in compensation pursuant to this subsection, the compensation of the member, for all purposes, shall remain at the amount it was prior to the action taken by the Board to increase the compensation. The refusal to accept a specific increase in compensation may not be rescinded.

E. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive necessary travel and subsistence expense as provided by law for other state officers.

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 the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 21 of Article 5. Section 21 provides that the Board on Legislative Compensation set the salaries of members of the Legislature. This measure would allow members to refuse an increase in salary provided by the Board. A refusal could not be changed at a later date. If a member refuses an increase, the salary of the member would not change.

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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