

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1088

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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 14 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; authorizing use of facilities located at institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for certain purposes; providing exception to certain requirement regarding use of tax revenue; 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 14 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 14. Taxes shall be levied and collected by general laws, and, except as may be authorized by law for purposes of allowing the use of public facilities at institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in connection with a project pursuant to which the results of research have potential economic value in the private sector, for public purposes only, except that taxes may be levied when necessary to carry into effect Section thirty-one of the Bill of Rights. Except as required by the Enabling Act, the State shall not assume the debt of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision of the State, unless

such debt shall have been contracted to defend itself in time of war, to repel invasion, or to suppress insurrection.

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 14 of Article 10. Taxes can only be used for public purposes. This measure would let colleges or universities in Oklahoma use buildings or equipment that had been paid for with tax dollars. The buildings or equipment could be used to help a business. The business might have a product or a process. The product or process could be sold to make the business profitable. The Legislature could pass a law that allowed the college or university to use the buildings or equipment to help a business like this.

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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