

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 3

By: Brown

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A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 9A of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, which relates to county health departments; authorizing additional millage levy for certain purpose in certain counties; specifying maximum amount thereof; requiring voter approval; updating certain language; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH 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 9A of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 9A. A. For the purpose of maintaining or aiding in maintaining a department of health within any county of the State, an additional levy not to exceed two and one-half (2 1/2) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the county may be levied annually, when such levy is approved by a majority of the ~~qualified~~ ~~ad valorem tax paying~~ registered voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners, or by initiative petition by voters of a county.

B. In addition to a levy imposed pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section, in any county with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for the purpose of maintaining a department of health within such county, an additional levy not to exceed two and one-half (2 1/2) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the county may be levied annually, when such levy is approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners, or by initiative petition by voters of such county.

C. A ~~maximum~~ levy of ~~two and one-half mills~~ approved pursuant to the provisions of this section may be made for such purpose after such approval until repealed by a majority of the ~~qualified ad valorem tax-paying~~ registered voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners, or by initiative petition by voters of a county. Such department of health may be maintained jointly or in conjunction with one or more counties, cities, towns or school districts, or any combination thereof, and shall be maintained as now or hereafter provided by law.

D. Nothing herein shall prohibit other levies or the use of other public funds for such department of health.

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 will allow an additional levy of up to 2 1/2 mills for county health

departments. The new levy will only be allowed in counties with more than 500,000 persons.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, 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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