

ENGROSSED HOUSE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1035

By: Roach of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 14A to Article X; providing for fair, flat vehicle registration fee for vehicles; requiring the Legislature to enact necessary laws; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND 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 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 14A to Article X thereof, to read as follows:

Section 14A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, beginning July 1, 2001, each vehicle registered in this state shall be treated in the same manner for annual vehicle registration fee purposes. A fair, flat annual registration fee shall be levied on all vehicles each year. The fee for the first ten (10) years of registration shall not exceed Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) and the fee for the eleventh year of registration and thereafter shall not exceed Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The maximum registration fees, specified in this section, may be adjusted to reflect inflationary changes pursuant to the Consumer Price Index as determined by the United States Department of Labor. Older specialized vehicles and trucks used for farm purposes shall be subject to a different, lower fee if there is demonstrated infrequent use on public roads. The

annual registration fee for a truck used for farm purposes shall not exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). The annual registration fee for commercial truck tractors and commercial trailers shall continue to be a graduated rate based on weight. The intent of this fair, flat vehicle registration fee is for many vehicle owners in this state to experience a reduction in their annual vehicle registration fee. The registration fee provided for in this section shall be in lieu of all other taxes, general and local, unless otherwise specifically provided.

The Legislature shall enact any laws necessary to implement the provisions of this section. The Legislature shall also enact any law necessary to ensure that the monies apportioned to the schools, counties, and cities pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act and this section shall not be less than the monies apportioned for the corresponding month in the previous fiscal year.

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 Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new Section 14A. This measure requires most vehicles to be treated in the same manner for registration fee purposes. It would provide for a fair, flat registration fee for vehicles. It would provide a fee of not to exceed Seventy Dollars for the first ten years of registration. It would provide a fee of not to exceed Thirty-five Dollars for the eleventh and all other years of registration. Certain older vehicles and farm trucks shall be subject to a different, lower fee. It sets the fee for trucks used for farm purposes at not more than Thirty Dollars. These fees could be adjusted to reflect economic changes

pursuant to the Consumer Price Index. The fee for commercial truck tractors and trailers would continue to be graduated and based on weight. The intent of this measure is to reduce the registration fee for many vehicle owners. The Legislature would be required to enact laws to implement this section including laws concerning registration fee monies going to schools, counties and cities. No such entity could receive less than the monies it received during the previous fiscal year.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

President of the Senate