

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1

By: Dunlap

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new section to Article VI to be designated as Section 3.1 and by amending Sections 1, 4 and 23 of Article VI; providing for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly; authorizing the Legislature to enact procedure; making offices of State Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Commissioner of Insurance appointed offices; providing for the joint election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor according to political parties; authorizing the Legislature to enact procedure; 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 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 3.1 to Article VI thereof, to read as follows:

Section 3.1 In the general election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, one vote shall be cast for the candidates nominated by the same political party. The Legislature may provide by law for the joint nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

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

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the State Constitution. It adds a new section to Article 6. It provides that a voter would cast one vote for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The candidates for those two offices would be grouped together according to political parties. The procedure for the joint nomination of candidates for those offices could be set by law.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. 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 amendments to Sections 1, 4 and 23 of Article VI, and the following proposed amendments to Sections 15 and 16 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Insurance and other officers provided by law and this Constitution, each of whom shall keep his office and public records, books and papers at the seat of government, and shall perform such duties as may be designated in this Constitution or prescribed by law.

B. The Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Commissioner of Insurance shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years to run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

Section 4. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, and Attorney General, ~~State~~

~~Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Superintendent of Public Instruction~~ shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of January next after their election. The said officers shall be eligible to immediately succeed themselves. No person shall be elected Governor more than two times in succession.

Section 23. ~~There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State, at the first general election, a~~ The chief administrative officer of said department, who the Insurance Department shall be styled "The Insurance Commissioner," ~~whose term of office shall be four years: Provided, That the first term of the Insurance Commissioner so elected, shall expire at the time of the expiration of the term of office of the first Governor elected.~~ Said Insurance Commissioner shall be at least twenty-five years of age and well versed in insurance matters.

SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 3 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 would amend Sections 1, 4 and 23 of Article VI of the State Constitution. It would provide that some state officials who are now elected would be appointed. The Governor would appoint three state officials. He or she would appoint the State Treasurer, the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of Insurance.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 5. 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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