

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Fair

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 36; creating the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Law Reform Commission to continue until October 31, 2002; making the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commissioner of Labor members of the Commission; stating quorum required for certain actions; stating powers of the Commission; stating duties of the State Election Board; exempting proposals by the Commission from certain processes, procedures, and challenges; providing for staff and expenses; 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 Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 36 to read as follows:

Section 36. A. There is hereby created, to continue until October 31, 2002, the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Law Reform Commission.

B. The Commission shall consist of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Commissioner of Labor. A majority of the Commission shall be necessary to conduct business or to take official action.

C. The Commission shall have the power, any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, to propose laws and amendments to laws relating to: compensation for employment related injuries and diseases; insurance, indemnity contracts, and other arrangements for providing such compensation; and judicial and administrative systems for determining rights and responsibilities relating to such compensation.

D. A proposed law or amendment shall be submitted by the Commission to the State Election Board together with the official ballot title, neither of which shall be subject to challenge for any reason including, but not limited to, multiplicity of subject and defect of title.

E. A proposed law or amendment shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular election unless otherwise ordered by the Governor.

F. All staff and expenses of the Commission shall be provided by the Offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and by the Department of Labor.

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 adds a new section to the State Constitution. It adds Section 36 to Article 6. It creates a commission consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commissioner of Labor. The purpose of the commission is to propose laws and amendments to the workers' compensation and related laws of this state for approval or rejection by the people. Measures proposed by the commission would not be subject to challenge as are other measures. Measures proposed

by the commission would bypass the Legislature and Governor.
Expenses of the commission would be paid by the offices of its
members.

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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