

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 43

By: Henry

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 10 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; raising the millage limit on building fund levies for schools; requiring separate ballot for additional levies for building funds; prohibiting reduction of state funding for school districts for which building fund levies are approved; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 Section 10 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 10. For the purpose of erecting public buildings in counties or cities, or for the purpose of raising money for a building fund for a school district which may be used for erecting, remodeling or repairing school buildings, and for purchasing furniture, the rates of taxation herein limited may be increased, when the rate of such increase and the purpose for which it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the people, and a majority of the qualified voters of such county, city, or school district, voting at such election, shall vote therefor: Provided, that such increase shall not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in such county, city, or school district. Provided further, the rate of taxation for the

building fund for a school district may be increased by an additional amount not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of assessed value of the taxable property in the school district upon approval of the question, submitted on a ballot separate from the ballot submitted for approval of the first five (5) mills, by a majority of the qualified voters in the school district voting at such election. The level of funding generated by building fund levies shall not be a factor used to reduce state funding for a school district.

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 Section 10 of Article 10 of the State Constitution. It raises the cap on the number of mills the voters in a school district can approve for building fund levies for the school district. The cap is now 5 mills on each dollar of assessed value of taxable property in the district. This measure would raise the cap to 10 mills. Any vote to approve more than the 5 mills would have to be on a ballot that is separate from the ballot used for the vote on the first 5 mills. The state could not use the local building fund money to reduce state funding for the schools.

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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