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1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Tuesday, February 27, 2001

3 Senate Joint
4 Resolution No. 20

5 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 - By: HENRY of the Senate and STAGGS
6 of the House.

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer
8 to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed
9 amendment to Section 10 of Article X of the Constitution of
10 the State of Oklahoma; providing ballot title; and directing
11 filing.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
15 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
16 the following proposed amendment to Section 10 of Article X of the
17 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

18 Section 10. A. For the purpose of erecting public buildings in
19 counties or cities, or for the purpose of raising money for a
20 building fund for a school district which may be used for erecting,
21 remodeling or repairing school buildings, and for purchasing
22 furniture, the rates of taxation herein limited may be increased,
23 when the rate of such increase and the purpose for which it is
24 intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the people, and a
25 majority of the qualified voters of such county, city, or school

1 district, voting at such election, shall vote therefor: Provided,
2 that such increase shall not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of
3 the assessed value of the taxable property in such county, city, or
4 school district. Provided further, the rate of taxation for the
5 building fund for a school district may be increased by an
6 additional amount not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of
7 assessed value of the taxable property in the school district upon
8 approval of the question, submitted on a ballot separate from the
9 ballot submitted for approval of the first five (5) mills, by a
10 majority of the qualified voters in the school district voting at
11 such election. The level of funding generated by building fund
12 levies shall not be a factor used to reduce state funding for a
13 school district.

14 B. A school district may upon approval by a majority of the
15 electors of the district voting on the question make the ad valorem
16 levy for a building fund under subsection A of this section
17 permanent. If the question is approved, the levy in the amount
18 approved as required by this section, shall be made each fiscal year
19 thereafter until such time as a majority of the electors of the
20 district voting on the question rescind the making of the levy
21 permanent. An election on such question shall be held at such time
22 as a petition is signed by ten percent (10%) of the school district

1 electors or a recommendation by the board of education of the school
2 district is made asking that the levies be made each fiscal year.

3 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
4 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in
5 the following form:

6 BALLOT TITLE

7 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure amends Section 10 of Article 10 of the
10 State Constitution. It raises the cap on the number of
11 mills the voters in a school district can approve for
12 building fund levies for the school district. The cap
13 is now 5 mills on each dollar of assessed value of
14 taxable property in the district. This measure would
15 raise the cap to 10 mills. Any vote to approve more
16 than the 5 mills would have to be on a ballot that is
17 separate from the ballot used for the vote on the first
18 5 mills. The state could not use the local building
19 fund money to reduce state funding for the schools.

20 SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

21 YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

22 NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

1 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
2 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
3 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
4 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
5 General.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, dated 2-20-01 - DO PASS,
7 As Coauthored.