

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 25

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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 1 of Article XXIV of the Oklahoma Constitution; clarifying application of one subject requirement; providing condition under which a proposed amendment of the Constitution by an article is deemed to be a single proposal or proposition; requiring proposed repeal of an entire article be deemed a single proposal or proposition with certain exception; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH 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 1 of Article XXIV of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 1. A. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two (2) houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall, with the yeas and nays thereon, be entered in their journals and referred by the Secretary of State to the people for their approval or rejection, at the next regular general election, except when the Legislature, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, shall order a special election for that purpose. If a majority of all the electors voting on any proposed amendment at such election shall

vote in favor thereof, it shall thereby become a part of this Constitution.

B. No proposal submitted by the Legislature or by initiative petition for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a single proposal or proposition if the provisions of the proposed article reasonably relate to one another; provided further that if the submission is to repeal an entire article of the Constitution, except Article II, each proposed repeal of an article shall be deemed a single proposal or proposition.

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 section amends Section 1 of Article 24 of the State Constitution. Section 1 of Article 24 addresses changes to the State Constitution that are proposed by the Legislature. Under this law, a proposed change must be submitted to the voters. It may not embrace more than one general subject. Voters are required to vote on each proposed change separately. A proposed change submitted as an article is deemed to be a single proposal. This measure changes current law. It clarifies that the one subject requirement also applies to changes proposed by initiative petition. A proposed change submitted as an article may be deemed to be a single proposal only if the provisions of the article reasonably relate to one another. A proposal that

repeals an entire article of the Constitution, except for Article 2, is deemed a single proposal.

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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