

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 3

By: Taylor

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection proposed amendments to the Oklahoma Constitution by amending Section 13 of Article VI and by amending Section 16 of Article VI; providing for appointment by the Governor to fill a vacancy in any statewide elected office with the advice and consent of the Senate; providing for the office of Lieutenant Governor to become vacant in certain circumstances; providing for appointment to fill such vacancy; providing term of office; 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 13 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 13. A. The Governor shall commission all officers not otherwise commissioned by law. All commissions shall run in the name and by the authority of the "State of Oklahoma," be signed by the Governor, sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma, and attested by the Secretary of State. When any office shall become vacant, he shall, unless otherwise provided by law, appoint a person to fill such vacancy, who shall continue in office until a successor shall have been duly elected or appointed, and qualified according to law.

B. When any statewide elective office enumerated in Section 1 of this article, other than the office of the Governor, becomes

vacant, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of office with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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 the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Article 6. The measure deals with a vacancy in any statewide elected office. The vacancy would be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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 amendment to Section 16 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 16. A. In case of impeachment of the Governor, or of his death, failure to qualify, resignation, removal from the State, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the said office, with its compensation, shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor for the residue of the term or until the disability shall be removed.

B. When the Lieutenant Governor assumes the office of Governor, pursuant to subsection A of this section, the office of Lieutenant Governor shall become vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor who shall appoint a person, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the residue of the term.

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 amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 16 of Article 6. This section deals with the Executive Branch of government. This measure would provide for filling a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor. The appointment would be made by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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 SECTIONS 2 and 4 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

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