

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 39

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A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 23 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution; deleting provision for election of State Insurance Commissioner; deleting obsolete language; providing for appointment of Commissioner by Governor; providing for specified term of office; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND 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 23 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 23. ~~There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State, at the first general election, a chief officer of said department, who shall be styled "The Insurance Commissioner," whose term of office shall be four years: Provided, That the first term of the Insurance Commissioner so elected, shall expire at the time of the expiration of the term of office of the first Governor elected.~~ Said An Insurance Commissioner, who shall be chief officer of the Insurance Department, shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate, for a four-year term to run concurrently with the term of the Governor. The Insurance Commissioner shall be at least twenty-five years of age and well versed in insurance matters.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this act 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 23 of Article 6 of the State Constitution. It would remove language which says that the State Insurance Commissioner is elected. It removes language about the first Commissioner which is no longer necessary. It would state that the Commissioner is the chief officer of the Insurance Department. The Governor would have the power to appoint the Commissioner with the consent of the Senate. The term of office for the Commissioner would be the same as the term of the Governor.

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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