

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION HJR1003

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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 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new section to Article X to be designated as Section 9E; authorizing school districts to hold elections for approval of additional ad valorem taxes for the purpose of a transportation fund for schools; authorizing purchase of certain equipment and supplies with fund; limiting ad valorem taxation for certain purpose; requiring Legislature to prescribe certain purchases with certain fund; prohibiting reduction of state funding due to transportation fund levies; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH 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 Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 9E to read as follows:

Section 9E. For the purpose of raising money for a transportation fund for school districts, which may be used for purchasing transportation equipment and related supplies and services, 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 the 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 the school district. The Legislature shall prescribe by law the nature of equipment and supplies that may be purchased through the transportation fund. The level of funding generated by the transportation 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 adds a new section of law to the State Constitution. It adds Section 9E to Article 10. It would let the voters in a school district vote each year to pay extra property tax to put money into a transportation fund. The fund would be used to buy transportation equipment and supplies and services. The tax could not be more than 5 mills on each dollar of assessed value of property in the district. The Legislature must pass laws to let schools know what kind of transportation equipment and supplies they may buy with the fund. The state could not use the local transportation 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 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall 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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