

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION HJR1024

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection an amendment to Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 39A; providing assistance program to solid waste, water, wastewater, conservation, and other programs; 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 39A to read as follows:

Section 39A. A. A program is hereby authorized to provide for the beneficial utilization and protection of natural resources within the State of Oklahoma:

1. Through the planning, development, construction, improvement, conservation, ownership, operation and financing of solid waste, water, wastewater, and soil conservation as it relates to water quality, and other natural resources, facilities or projects;

2. By dedicating available revenues as will earn the maximum federal funds available to the state for such facilities and projects;

3. To respond to, alleviate, recover from and mitigate environmental emergencies and environmental disasters; and

4. Providing revenue for state liability and responsibilities resulting from federal mandates for rehabilitation and remediation of waste contaminated sites with monies appropriated or dedicated to the Natural Resources Conservation and Public Works Assistance Trust Fund.

B. State monies appropriated or dedicated to the Natural Resources Conservation and Public Works Assistance Trust Fund shall be used only as authorized by the Legislature to provide for the furnishing of financial assistance to municipalities, political subdivisions and such other entities of the state as may be designated by law as being eligible for such assistance for development, solid waste, water, wastewater, soil conservation as it relates to water quality, and other natural resources projects or facilities, federal matching, environmental emergency and federal mandated site rehabilitation purposes.

C. Any state liability arising from the implementation of such programs shall be limited to those monies in the Statewide Natural Resources Reserve Fund which have been reserved for the undertaking producing the liability.

D. The provisions of this section shall be independent of and not be limited by the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution.

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 to the Oklahoma Constitution.

The new section provides for programs for solid waste, water,

wastewater, conservation as it relates to water quality and other financial assistance programs for certain state entities.

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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