

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION HJR1027

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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 Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new section to Article V to be designated as Section 17B; setting term limitation on the number of years an elected or appointed county or state official may serve in office; setting limitation on cumulative service at both levels of government; stating certain exceptions; providing an effective date; 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 V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 17B to read as follows:

Section 17B. Notwithstanding any other section of law, any elected official on the county or state level, except any member of the Legislature or the Governor, who is elected or appointed to office after the effective date of this amendment shall be eligible to serve no more than twelve (12) years in that particular level of government. Years of service on either one of the two levels of government mentioned above need not be consecutive but the total accumulated number of years served shall be added together and included in determining the total number of years in that particular office. The years served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be

included in the twelve-year limitation set forth herein; but no person who has completed twelve (12) years in office on any particular level shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term in that level of government. Any person who is serving a term in office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional twelve (12) years thereafter. This section shall be effective on the first day of the year following its adoption.

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 17B to Article 5. It provides that any elected county or state official, with exception of the Legislature or the Governor, elected to office after the effective date of this amendment would be allowed to serve no more than twelve years cumulative in both of the two levels of government. Years served need not be consecutive. Time served by those appointed to serve less than a full term shall not be counted. No person who has completed a twelve-year term shall be allowed to serve a partial term. Those serving on the effective date or who have been elected or appointed to serve are allowed to serve an additional twelve years.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives 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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