STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION HJR1038 By: Boren and Trebilcock

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 23 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; making the office of the Insurance Commissioner appointive; specifying term of office; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND 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 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,~~ The Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, shall appoint a chief officer of ~~said department~~ the Insurance Department, who shall be styled "The Insurance Commissioner~~,~~" ~~whose~~. The term of office of the Insurance Commissioner shall be four (4) 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~~ to run concurrently with the term of the Governor. The Insurance Commissioner shall be at least twenty-five (25) 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 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 23 of Article 6. At present, the Insurance Commissioner is an elected office. This measure would make it an appointed office. The Governor would appoint the Insurance Commissioner. The appointment would be made by and with the consent of the Senate.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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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