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THE STATE SENATE
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House Joint Resolution No. 1019

ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1019 - By: ARMES, HILLIARD, McMULLEN, SHERRER, BRANNON, SMITHSON, SWEEDEN and BRADDOCK of the House and GUMM of the Senate.

[proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 50 to Article X - indebtedness - ballot title - directing filing]

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 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 50 to Article X thereof, to read as follows:

Section 50. A. The State of Oklahoma shall be authorized to become indebted in an amount not to exceed _____ Dollars ($0.00) in order to provide funding for the federal enhanced Conservation Reserve Program sponsored and administered by the United States Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

B. Proceeds from the sale of any obligations issued pursuant to this section shall be used in order to match federal funds available

(Bold face denotes Committee Amendments)

to the State of Oklahoma through the United States Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resource Conservation Service for nonpoint pollution control, priority watersheds, upstream flood control structures and such other conservation projects as may be authorized by both the federal law governing the matching funds and applicable state law.

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 would add a new Section 50 to Article 10. It would allow the State of Oklahoma to borrow money. The State of Oklahoma could use the borrowed money for certain projects. The projects are for the enhanced Conservation Reserve Program. This program was developed by the United States government. It is operated by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is also operated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The projects are related to natural resources and the environment.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-6-05 - DO PASS, As Amended.