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THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Senate Joint
Resolution No. 7
As Amended

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 - By: SHURDEN of the Senate and NANCE of the House.

[Constitutional amendment - tax levy - election - other levies - ballot title - filing]

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH 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 homeland security and law enforcement within any county of the state, an additional ad valorem tax levy not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county may be made annually, when such levy is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners, or by initiative petition by ten percent (10%) of the voters of a county. A maximum levy of five (5) mills on the dollar shall be made

1 annually for such purpose after such approval until repealed by a
2 majority of the qualified voters of the county, voting on the
3 question at an election called for such purpose by the board of
4 county commissioners, or by initiative petition by ten percent (10%)
5 of the voters of a county. The funds raised by such a levy shall be
6 distributed to the sheriff of the county to be used only for
7 homeland security and law enforcement. Nothing herein shall
8 prohibit other levies for the use of other public funds for homeland
9 security or law enforcement.

10 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
11 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in
12 the following form:

13 BALLLOT TITLE

14 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

16 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new
17 Section 9E to Article 10. It allows a county to levy an annual
18 tax of no more than five mills. The tax levy must be approved
19 by a majority of the voters in the county. The vote can be
20 called in two ways. It can be at an election called by the
21 board of county commissioners. It can also be by a petition
22 signed by voters in a county. The tax may also be repealed by
23 the voters of the county. The vote to repeal the tax may be

1 called in two ways. It can be at an election called by the
2 board of county commissioners. It can also be by a petition
3 signed by voters in a county. Funds from the tax would be given
4 to the sheriff of the county for two purposes only. Those
5 purposes are homeland security and law enforcement. The measure
6 also states that this levy would not prevent other levies for
7 the same purpose.

8 SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

9 YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

10 NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

11 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
12 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
13 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
14 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
15 General.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-23-05 - DO
17 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.