

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1018

By: Hamilton

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 8B of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to limitation on valuation increases; requiring voter approval of increases in fair cash value for certain property; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE 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 Section 8B of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 8B. A. Despite any provision to the contrary, the fair cash value of any parcel of locally assessed real property shall not increase ~~by more than five percent (5%)~~ in any taxable year unless such increase, subject to a maximum of five percent (5%), shall have been approved by the eligible voters of the county at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners of the applicable county and conducted not later than the last Tuesday of November of the year preceding the assessment year for which the authorized increase is to be applicable. Unless an increase is approved pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, no increase in the fair cash value of any parcel of locally assessed real property shall be authorized.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply in any year when title to the property is transferred, changed, or conveyed to another person or when improvements have been made to the property. If title to the property is transferred, changed, or conveyed to another person, the property shall be assessed for that year based on the fair cash value as set forth in Section 8 of Article X of this Constitution.

C. If any improvements are made to the property, the increased value to the property as a result of the improvement shall be assessed for that year based on the fair cash value as set forth in Section 8 of Article X of this Constitution.

D. The provisions of this section shall be effective January 1, 1997, and thereafter for counties which are in compliance with the applicable law or administrative regulations governing valuation of locally assessed real property as of such date. For counties which are not in compliance with such law or regulations as of January 1, 1997, the provisions of this section shall be effective January 1 of the year following the date the county is deemed to be in compliance with such laws or regulations as provided by law.

E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any personal property which may be taxed ad valorem or any property which may be valued or assessed by the State Board of Equalization.

F. The Legislature shall enact any laws necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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 8B of Article 10. The law limits the amount by which

the value of locally assessed real property can be increased for property tax purposes. Currently, the limit is five percent (5%) each year. This measure would require voters to approve any increase in value for this property. An election could be called each year. Even with voter approval, the increase could not be higher than five percent (5%). There are exceptions to this rule now. The exceptions would still be applicable. The rule would not apply if improvements are made to property. The rule would not apply if the property is sold.

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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