

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1033

By: DePue

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 10A of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma which relates to the House of Representatives; modifying terms of office of members of the House of Representatives; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND 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 10A of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 10A. The House of Representatives shall consist of the number of Representatives as determined by ~~the formula and procedure set forth herein. The number of members of the House of Representatives to which each county shall be entitled shall be determined according to the following formula:~~

a. ~~The total population of the state as ascertained by the most recent Federal Decennial Census shall be divided by the number one hundred and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives, except as otherwise provided in this Article.~~

b. ~~Every county having a population less than one full ratio shall be assigned one Representative; every county containing an~~

~~entire ratio but less than two ratios shall be assigned two Representatives; every county containing a population of two entire ratios but less than three ratios shall be assigned three Representatives; and every county containing a population of three entire ratios but less than four ratios shall be assigned four Representatives.~~

~~After the first four Representatives, a county shall qualify for additional representation on the basis of two whole ratios of population for each additional Representative law.~~

Each Representative nominated and elected shall hold office for ~~two~~ four (4) years.

If approved by the people, the amendment to this section shall become effective January 1, 2007.

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 10A of Article 5. This measure changes the term of office of members of the House of Representatives. It changes the term of office of members of the House from two years to four years. The change would apply to members elected on or after January 1, 2007.

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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