

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1036

By: Lamons

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 55 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying requirement for passage of appropriation measures by the Legislature; 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 55 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 55. A. No money shall ever be paid out of the treasury of this State, nor any of its funds, nor any of the funds under its management, except in pursuance of an appropriation by law, nor unless such payments be made within two and one-half years after the passage of such appropriation act, and every such law making a new appropriation, or continuing or reviving an appropriation, shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated and the object to which it is to be applied, and it shall not be sufficient for such law to refer to any other law to fix such sum.

B. No measure containing an appropriation as specified in subsection A of this section shall become law unless the measure receives the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the

House of Representatives and two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Senate and is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action.

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 55 of Article 5. It changes the number of votes needed to approve a bill containing an appropriation. It changes from a majority vote to a two-thirds vote to approve such a bill.

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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