

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1068

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 11A of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying procedure for apportionment of the Legislature; providing for apportionment by the Apportionment Commission; modifying membership of the Apportionment Commission; 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 11A of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 11A. The apportionment of the Legislature shall be accomplished by ~~the Legislature according to the provisions of this article, within ninety (90) legislative days after the convening of the first regular session of the Legislature following each Federal Decennial Census. If the Legislature shall fail or refuse to make such apportionment within the time provided herein, then such apportionment shall be accomplished by an Apportionment Commission composed of the Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma~~ three retired federal or state judges who have never held elected partisan office. Apportionment shall be accomplished according to the provisions of this article.

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 the section on apportioning the State Legislature. It would eliminate the current method of determining legislative districts. The Legislature no longer would determine the districts. Apportionment would be done by the Apportionment Commission. The membership of the Apportionment Commission would change. The Commission would be composed of three retired judges. The judges could not have ever held a partisan elected office.

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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