

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 49

By: Leftwich

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution relating to labor; ordering a legislative referendum pursuant to the Oklahoma Constitution; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Section 197.2, which relates to the minimum wage; updating language; adding certain amount to the minimum wage of this state over certain time frame; providing for the minimum wage of this state if the federal minimum wage is increased over certain time frame; providing for provisional effective date; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 3 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, there is hereby ordered the following legislative referendum which shall be filed with the Secretary of State and addressed to the Governor of the state, who shall submit the same to the people for their approval or rejection at the next General Election.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2001, Section 197.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 197.2 It shall be unlawful to employ workers in any industry or occupation within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state under conditions of labor detrimental to their health or morals and it shall be unlawful to employ workers in any industry within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state at wages which are not adequate for their maintenance. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Minimum Wage Act, no employer within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state shall pay any employee a wage of less than the current federal minimum

wage for all hours worked plus an additional fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour beginning January 1, 2007, and each January 1 thereafter, with the last increase of fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour being January 1, 2011. Provided, if the federal minimum wage is raised at any time between January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2011, then the minimum wage in this state for that year shall be the higher of the federal minimum wage plus fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour or the current minimum wage of this state.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective upon approval by the people.

SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed act shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

At this time, the minimum wage of this state is the same as the federal minimum wage. This measure would increase the minimum wage of this state. It would increase the minimum wage by 50 cents each year for 5 years. If the federal minimum wage is raised, then the minimum wage of this state for that year would be the higher of the federal minimum wage plus 50 cents or the minimum wage of this state at that time.

SHALL THIS ACT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

- YES, FOR THE ACT
- NO, AGAINST THE ACT

SECTION 5. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this order for legislative referendum, prepare and file in accordance with Section 3 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, one copy of this order for legislative referendum, including the Ballot Title set forth in

SECTION 4, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
Attorney General.

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