

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 62

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A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new section to Article X to be designated as Section 9E; authorizing levy of tax for specified purposes; limiting amount of tax; requiring voter approval; providing methods of calling election to levy tax; providing for repeal of tax; providing methods of calling election to repeal tax; providing for distribution of funds and limiting use thereof; providing that other levies for specified purposes are not limited by this act; 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. 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 Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 9E to read as follows:

Section 9E. For the purpose of homeland security and law enforcement within any county of the state, an additional ad valorem tax levy not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county may be made annually, when such levy is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners, or by initiative petition by ten percent (10%) of the voters of a county. A maximum levy of five (5) mills on the dollar shall be made annually for such purpose after such approval until repealed by a

majority of the qualified voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the board of county commissioners, or by initiative petition by ten percent (10%) of the voters of a county. The funds raised by such a levy shall be distributed to the sheriff of the county to be used only for homeland security and law enforcement. Nothing herein shall prohibit other levies for the use of other public funds for homeland security or law enforcement.

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 by adding a new Section 9E to Article 10. It allows a county to levy an annual tax of no more than five mills. The tax levy must be approved by a majority of the voters in the county. The vote can be called in two ways. It can be at an election called by the board of county commissioners. It can also be by a petition signed by voters in a county. The tax may also be repealed by the voters of the county. The vote to repeal the tax may be called in two ways. It can be at an election called by the board of county commissioners. It can also be by a petition signed by voters in a county. Funds from the tax would be given to the sheriff of the county for two purposes only. Those purposes are homeland security and law enforcement. The measure also states that this levy would not prevent other levies for the same purpose.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

- YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT
- NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, 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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