

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 9

By: Nichols

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 8E of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; extending certain property tax exemption to specified classes of veterans after certain date; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 8E of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 8E. A. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2006, each head of household who has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard and who has been certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to have a one hundred percent (100%) permanent disability sustained through military action or accident or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service or the surviving spouse of such head of household shall be entitled to claim an exemption for the full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead. Beginning January 1, 2007, each head of household who has been held as a prisoner of war while serving in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard or has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of

the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard and who has been certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to have a ninety percent (90%) or greater permanent disability sustained through military action or accident or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service or the surviving spouse of any head of household who qualifies under this section shall be entitled to claim an exemption for the full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead.

B. In order to be eligible for the exemption authorized by this section, the individual shall be required to prove residency within the State of Oklahoma and must have previously qualified for the homestead exemption authorized by law or be eligible for the homestead exemption pursuant to law.

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 8E of Article 10. It would give a property tax exemption to certain veterans. Property taxes must be paid for homesteads. The exemption would be for the full fair cash value of the homestead for certain veterans. Two types of veterans qualify. One type is any veteran who has been a prisoner of war. The other type is any veteran who has ninety percent (90%) or more disability.

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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