

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1987

By: Laughlin and Brogdon of the
Senate

3 and

4 Blackwell of the House

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6
7 [proposed amendments - Constitution of the State of
8 Oklahoma - limiting years of service - ballot title -
9 filing]

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
13 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
14 the following proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the
15 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, to read as follows:

16 Section 4. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
17 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
18 Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Superintendent of Public
19 Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
20 January next after their election. The said officers shall be
21 eligible to immediately succeed themselves. ~~No person shall be~~
22 ~~elected Governor more than two times in succession;~~ provided, no
23 person shall be eligible to serve as Governor for a period of time
24 in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be consecutive.

1 No person shall be eligible to serve as Lieutenant Governor, State
2 Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
3 Commissioner of Labor or Superintendent of Public Instruction for a
4 period of time in excess of twelve (12) years. Such years need not
5 be consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed
6 to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in any such office
7 shall not be included in the limitations set forth herein. Any
8 person serving in such position at the time of passage of this
9 amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she
10 has been elected notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment.

11 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
12 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
13 the following proposed amendment to Section 23 of Article VI of the
14 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, to read as follows:

15 Section 23. There shall be elected by the qualified electors of
16 the State, at the first general election, a chief officer of said
17 department, who shall be styled "The Insurance Commissioner," whose
18 term of office shall be four years: Provided, That the first term
19 of the Insurance Commissioner so elected, shall expire at the time
20 of the expiration of the term of office of the first Governor
21 elected. Said Insurance Commissioner shall be at least twenty-five
22 years of age and well versed in insurance matters. No person shall
23 be eligible to serve as Insurance Commissioner for a period of time
24 in excess of twelve (12) years. Such years need not be consecutive.

1 Any years served by a person elected or appointed to serve less than
2 a full term to fill a vacancy in such office shall not be included
3 in the limitation set forth herein. Any person serving in such
4 position at the time of passage of this amendment shall be eligible
5 to complete the term for which he or she has been elected
6 notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment.

7 SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
8 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
9 the following proposed amendment to Section 15 of Article IX of the
10 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, to read as follows:

11 Section 15. A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to be
12 composed of three persons, who shall be elected by the people at a
13 general election for State officers, and their terms of office shall
14 be six years: ~~Provided, Corporation Commissioners first elected~~
15 ~~under this Constitution shall hold office as follows: One shall~~
16 ~~serve until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and nine;~~
17 ~~one until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and eleven;~~
18 ~~and one until the second Monday in January nineteen hundred and~~
19 ~~thirteen; their terms to be decided by lot immediately after they~~
20 ~~shall have qualified.~~ In case of a vacancy in said office, the
21 Governor of the State shall fill such vacancy by appointment until
22 the next general election, when a successor shall be elected to fill
23 out any unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve as
24 Corporation Commissioner for a period of time in excess of twelve

1 (12) years. Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served
2 by a person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to
3 fill a vacancy in such office shall not be included in the
4 limitation set forth herein. Any person serving in such position at
5 the time of passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete
6 the term for which he or she has been elected notwithstanding the
7 provisions of this amendment.

8 SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
9 amendments as set forth in SECTIONS 1, 2 and 3 of this resolution
10 shall be in the following form:

11 BALLOT TITLE
12 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

13 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

14 This measure amends Sections 4 and 23 of Article 6 of the
15 State Constitution. It also amends Section 15 of Article
16 9 of the State Constitution. This measure would limit the
17 Governor to eight years of service. Other statewide
18 elected officials would be limited to twelve years of
19 service. Years served for less than a full term would not
20 be counted. Persons serving when this measure is passed
21 could complete their terms. Under current law, the
22 Governor is limited to two successive terms.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

