

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1054

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 21 of
10 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
11 Oklahoma, which relates to the Board on Legislative
12 Compensation; authorizing members of the Legislature
13 to refuse any increase in compensation approved by
14 the Board on Legislative Compensation; providing
15 ballot title; and directing filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
17 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
20 the following proposed amendment to Section 21 of Article V of the
21 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

22 Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit
23 members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having
24 interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties
and responsibilities.

1 B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created.
2 Said Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the
3 Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be
6 from religious organizations, communications media,
7 nonstate-supported educational institutions, labor organizations,
8 and retail business; the members appointed by the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate shall be from agricultural and civic
10 organizations; and the members appointed by the Speaker of the House
11 of Representatives shall be from manufacturing and from professional
12 fields not otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be
13 appointed to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members
14 above provided for, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and
15 the Director of State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting
16 members of said Board. The Chairman of said Board shall be
17 designated by the Governor. Members of the Legislature shall
18 receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on
19 Legislative Compensation. If a member of the Legislature is
20 incarcerated due to being charged with a criminal offense and
21 subsequently is found guilty of the offense or pleads guilty or nolo
22 contendere to the offense, the legislator shall return to the state
23 any compensation the legislator received from the state while the
24 legislator was incarcerated prior to the guilty verdict or plea or

1 nolo contendere plea and shall not receive any compensation from the
2 state during any incarceration following such verdict or plea. Said
3 Board shall each two years review the compensation paid to the
4 members of the Legislature and shall be empowered to change such
5 compensation; such change to become effective on the fifteenth day
6 following the succeeding general election; provided, a member of the
7 Legislature may refuse any increase in compensation approved by the
8 Board. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation,
9 but shall be entitled to receive necessary travel and subsistence
10 expense as provided by law for other state officers.

11 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
12 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in
13 the following form:

14 BALLOT TITLE

15 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

16 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

17 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends the
18 section that deals with salaries of members of the Legislature.
19 The Legislature does not set its own salaries. This is done by
20 a Board. The Board is the Board on Legislative Compensation.
21 The Board has absolute say as to any changes in salary. The
22 Legislature has no power to reject a raise. This section would
23 let a legislator refuse a raise.

24 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

3 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
4 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
5 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
6 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
7 Attorney General.

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