

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1078

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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 Sections 4 and 23
10 of Article VI and Section 15 of Article IX of the
11 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; limiting the
12 term of office of certain elected officials;
13 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
15 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

20 Section 4. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
21 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
22 Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Superintendent of Public
23 Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
24 January next after their election. The said officers shall be
eligible to immediately succeed themselves. No person shall be

1 elected Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Auditor and Inspector,
2 Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor, or
3 Superintendent of Public Instruction more than two times in
4 succession.

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

9 Section 23. There shall be elected by the qualified electors of
10 the State, at the first general election, a chief officer of said
11 department, who shall be styled "The Insurance Commissioner," whose
12 term of office shall be four years: Provided, That the first term
13 of the Insurance Commissioner so elected, shall expire at the time
14 of the expiration of the term of office of the first Governor
15 elected. No person shall be elected Insurance Commissioner more
16 than two times in succession. Said Insurance Commissioner shall be
17 at least twenty-five years of age and well versed in insurance
18 matters.

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

23 Section 15. A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to be
24 composed of three persons, who shall be elected by the people at a

1 general election for State officers, and their terms of office shall
2 be six years: Provided, Corporation Commissioners first elected
3 under this Constitution shall hold office as follows: One shall
4 serve until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and nine;
5 one until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and eleven;
6 and one until the second Monday in January nineteen hundred and
7 thirteen; their terms to be decided by lot immediately after they
8 shall have qualified. No person shall be elected Corporation
9 Commissioner more than two times in succession, after the effective
10 date of this amendment. In case of a vacancy in said office, the
11 Governor of the State shall fill such vacancy by appointment until
12 the next general election, when a successor shall be elected to fill
13 out any unexpired term.

14 SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
15 amendment as set forth in SECTIONS 1, 2, and 3 of this resolution
16 shall be in the following form:

17 BALLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
21 Sections 4 and 23 of Article 6. It also amends Section 15 of
22 Article 9. This measure limits the number of terms of office in
23 a row a person can serve for certain offices. It limits a
24 person to two terms in a row. This measure affects several

1 different state elected offices. It affects the office of
2 Lieutenant Governor. It affects the office of State Auditor and
3 Inspector. It affects the office of Attorney General. It
4 affects the office of State Treasurer. It affects the office of
5 Commissioner of Labor. It affects the office of Superintendent
6 of Public Instruction. It affects the office of Insurance
7 Commissioner. It affects the office of Corporation
8 Commissioner.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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