

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 26

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma
11 Constitution by adding a new section to Article I to
12 be designated as Section 2.1; creating the School
13 Prayer Act; providing short title; stating that
14 people retain right to pray and recognize their
15 religion on public property; prohibiting state from
16 establishing official religion or requiring people to
17 join in religious activity; providing ballot title;
18 and directing filing.

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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
23 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
24 the following proposed amendment to Article I of the Constitution of
the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 2.1 to read as
follows:

Section 2.1 A. This section shall be known as the "School
Prayer Act".

1 B. In order to secure the people's right to acknowledge God
2 according to the dictates of conscience:

3 1. The people retain the right to pray and to recognize their
4 religious beliefs, heritage and traditions on public property,
5 including schools; and

6 2. The State of Oklahoma shall not establish any official
7 religion nor require any person to join in prayer or religious
8 activity.

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

13 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure enacts a new Section 2.1 of Article I of the State
16 Constitution. It creates the "School Prayer Act". It would
17 state that the people retain their right to pray and recognize
18 their religious values on public property. Public property
19 would include schools. It also would ban the state from
20 establishing an official religion or requiring people to join in
21 prayer or religious activity.

22 SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

23 YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

24 NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

1 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
2 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
3 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
4 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
5 General.

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