

BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: HJR 1081 (Introduced)

AUTHOR: Representative Blackwell

SUBJECT: A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people a constitutional amendment; abolishing ABLE Commission; ballot title; filing.

RESOLUTIONS: Section 1. Requiring the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed Constitutional amendment:

REPEALER Repealing sections of the Constitution creating the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission (ABLE) and transferring duties from original Board to the ABLE Commission.

NEW LAW A. Creating section of Constitution that abolishes the ABLE Commission and transfers duties, powers and responsibilities relating to the licensing of wholesalers to be transferred to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. All other duties, powers and responsibilities shall be transferred to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

B. The Legislature is responsible for the orderly transfer of the duties, powers and responsibilities as well as the personnel, property, records, assets and liabilities of the ABLE Commission to the respective agencies.

C. The transfer of responsibilities to the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall be effective July 1, 2009, and the Tax Commission shall have the power and authority to develop and enforce rules and to enforce the laws and rules outlined by the Legislature.

D. The transfer of responsibilities for the remaining alcoholic beverage laws to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control shall be effective July 1, 2009, and the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs shall have the power and authority to develop and enforce rules and to enforce the laws and rules outlined by the Legislature.

E. Setting effective date for the provisions of the Constitutional amendment as July 1, 2009.

Section 2. **BALLOT TITLE** Outlines the ballot title for the

proposed Constitutional amendment in Section 1 of this Joint Resolution.

Section 3. BALLOT TITLE DISTRIBUTION Immediately after passage, the Chief Clerk of the House shall provide the Secretary of State and the Attorney General with one copy each of the House Joint Resolution and Ballot Title as set forth in Section 2.

EFFECTIVE

DATE: July 1, 2009

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