

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE FOR
5 ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 1014

By: Osborn, Enns, Reynolds,
Martin (Steve) and Tibbs of
the House

7 and

8 Lamb of the Senate

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10 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
12 to refer to the people for their approval or
13 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of
14 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 55A to
15 Article V; prohibiting restrictions on certain powers
16 of Legislature; providing expenditures not required
17 based upon certain predetermined basis or by
18 reference to expenditures of other government or
19 other entities; providing ballot title; and directing
20 filing.

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
22 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

23 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
24 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of

1 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 55A to Article V thereof, to read
2 as follows:

3 Section 55A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the
4 Oklahoma Constitution to the contrary, whether such provision is in
5 effect prior to, simultaneously with or after the provisions of this
6 section shall become adopted, the Legislature shall not be required
7 to make expenditures for any function of government using a
8 predetermined formula of any kind or by reference to the expenditure
9 levels of any other state government or any other entity. The
10 provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the
11 Legislature to make appropriations in excess of the limits allowed
12 by Section 23 of Article X or any other provision of the
13 Constitution.

14 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
15 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in
16 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 would add a
21 new Section 55A to Article 5. It relates to the state budget.
22 It relates to the ability of the Legislature to spend money each
23 year. It would allow the Legislature to make decisions about the
24 state budget. The Legislature would be able to decide how much

1 money to spend each year. The Legislature would not be required
2 to spend a certain amount of money for any one government
3 service or function. If this amendment is adopted, the Oklahoma
4 Constitution could not require the Legislature to do this. If
5 this amendment is adopted, the Oklahoma Constitution could not
6 require the Legislature to make spending decisions based on how
7 much money any other state spent.

8 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

9 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

10 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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