

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1056

By: Duncan, Reynolds, Coody,
Tibbs, Derby, Kern,
3 Terrill, Enns, Christian,
4 Faught and Moore of the
House

5 and

6 Sykes of the Senate

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9 (proposed amendment to Section 1 of Article VII -
10 Constitution - Save Our State Amendment - uphold
11 and adhere to the law - ballot title -

12 filing)
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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
17 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND 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 1 of Article VII of the
21 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

22 Section 1. A. The judicial power of this State shall be vested
23 in the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, a Supreme Court,
24 the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court on the Judiciary, the State

1 ~~Industrial~~ Workers' Compensation Court, the Court of Bank Review,
2 the Court of Tax Review, and such intermediate appellate courts as
3 may be provided by statute, District Courts, and such Boards,
4 Agencies and Commissions created by the Constitution or established
5 by statute as exercise adjudicative authority or render decisions in
6 individual proceedings. Provided that the Court of Criminal
7 Appeals, the ~~State Industrial~~ Workers' Compensation Court, the Court
8 of Bank Review and the Court of Tax Review and such Boards, Agencies
9 and Commissions as have been established by statute shall continue
10 in effect, subject to the power of the Legislature to change or
11 abolish said Courts, Boards, Agencies, or Commissions. Municipal
12 Courts in cities or incorporated towns shall continue in effect and
13 shall be subject to creation, abolition or alteration by the
14 Legislature by general laws, but shall be limited in jurisdiction to
15 criminal and traffic proceedings arising out of infractions of the
16 provisions of ordinances of cities and towns or of duly adopted
17 regulations authorized by such ordinances.

18 B. Subsection C of this section shall be known as the "Save Our
19 State Amendment".

20 C. The Courts provided for in subsection A of this section,
21 when exercising their judicial authority, shall uphold and adhere to
22 the law as provided in the United States Constitution, the Oklahoma
23 Constitution, the United States Code, federal regulations
24 promulgated pursuant thereto, established common law, and the

1 Oklahoma Statutes and rules promulgated pursuant thereto in making
2 judicial decisions. The courts shall not look to the legal precepts
3 of other nations or cultures. Specifically, the courts shall not
4 consider international law or Sharia Law. The provisions of this
5 subsection shall apply to all cases before the respective courts
6 including, but not limited to, cases of first impression.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

11 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure amends the State Constitution. It would change a
14 section that deals with the courts of this state. It would make
15 courts rely on federal and state laws when deciding cases. It
16 would forbid courts from looking at international law or Sharia
17 Law when deciding cases.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2010.

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6 Presiding Officer of the House of
7 Representatives

8 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2010.

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