

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Joint
Resolution No. 1014

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1014 - By: OSBORN of the House.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or
2 rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to
3 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 55A to Article V
4 thereof, to read as follows:

5 Section 55A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Oklahoma Constitution to
6 the contrary, whether such provision is in effect prior to, simultaneously with or after the
7 provisions of this section shall become adopted, the Legislature shall not be required to
8 make expenditures for any function of government using a predetermined formula of any

1 kind or by reference to the expenditure levels of any other state government or any other
2 entity.

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

5 BALLOT TITLE

6 Legislative Referendum No. ____ State Question No. ____

7 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

8 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It would add a new Section 55A
9 to Article 5. It relates to the state budget. It relates to the ability of the Legislature
10 to spend money each year. It would allow the Legislature to make decisions about
11 the state budget. The Legislature would be able to decide how much money to
12 spend each year. The Legislature would not be required to spend a certain amount
13 of money for any one government service or function. If this amendment is adopted,
14 the Oklahoma Constitution could not require the Legislature to do this. If this
15 amendment is adopted, the Oklahoma Constitution could not require the
16 Legislature to make spending decisions based on how much money any other state
17 spent.

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, immediately after
22 the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and file one copy thereof, including the

- 1 Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with
- 2 the Attorney General.
- 3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02-05-09 - DO PASS.