

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Joint
Resolution No. 1029

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1029 - By: SCOTT 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 8F to Article X; providing an ad valorem tax exemption for disabled troopers; limiting eligibility; allowing Legislature to enact implementing legislation; 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 8F to Article X
4 thereof, to read as follows:

5 Section 8F. A. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2010,
6 each head of household who has been a Trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and
7 who has either been certified by the United States Social Security Administration to be
8 one hundred percent (100%) disabled or would be certified by the applicable test of the
9 United States Social Security Administration to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled

1 and whose disability was sustained in action or an accident while working in an official
2 capacity as a Trooper or resulting from disease contracted while in such capacity or the
3 surviving spouse of such head of household shall be entitled to claim an exemption for
4 the full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead.

5 B. In order to be eligible for the exemption authorized by this section, the
6 individual shall be required to prove residency within the State of Oklahoma and must
7 have previously qualified for the homestead exemption authorized by law or be eligible
8 for the homestead exemption pursuant to law.

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

11 **BALLOT TITLE**

12 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

13 **THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

14 This measure adds a new section 8F to Article 10 of the Constitution. It creates a
15 homestead property tax exemption for disabled Highway Patrol Troopers. In order
16 to qualify the trooper must be injured in the line of duty as a trooper.

17 **SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?**

18 **FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES** _____

19 **AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO** _____

20 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after
21 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 02-26-09 - DO PASS.