

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Joint
Resolution No. 13

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.
13 - By: BROGDON of the Senate and TERRILL 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 Section 2 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; requiring percentage to be based on number of votes cast for Office of Governor at most recent election; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

4 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and eight per
5 centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose any legislative measure, and
6 fifteen per centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose amendments to the
7 Constitution by petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the
8 measure so proposed. The second power is the referendum, and it may be ordered

1 (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
2 or safety), either by petition signed by five per centum of the legal voters or by the
3 Legislature as other bills are enacted. The ratio and per centum of legal voters
4 hereinbefore stated shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the last general
5 election for the ~~State office receiving the highest number of votes at such election~~ Office
6 of Governor.

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

9 **BALLOT TITLE**

10 Legislative Referendum No. ____ State Question No. ____

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

12 This measure would amend Section 2 of Article 5 of the State Constitution. Under
13 current law, eight percent of the voters must sign an initiative petition for a
14 legislative measure. Fifteen percent must sign for a constitutional amendment.

15 These percentages are based on the state office receiving the highest number of
16 votes at the last General Election. This measure would make the percentage based
17 on the number of votes cast at the last General Election for the Office of Governor.

18 **SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?**

19 **FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES** _____

20 **AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO** _____

21 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the
22 passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set

1 forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04-09-09 - DO PASS, As
4 Amended.