

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

House Joint
Resolution No. 1069

HJR 1069

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1069 - By: SHANNON 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 20 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to authorized use of state tax revenues; authorizing state tax revenues for county roads and bridges; authorizing state tax revenues for payment of certain financing costs; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND 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 20 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

4 Section 20. The A. Except as otherwise provided by subsection B of this section, the
5 Legislature shall not impose taxes for the purpose of any county, city, town, or other
6 municipal corporation, but may, by general laws, confer on the proper authorities
7 thereof, respectively, the power to assess and collect such taxes.

8 B. The Legislature may provide by law for the use of state tax revenue to pay for
9 county roads and county bridges or to pay principal, interest, or both principal and
10 interest, together with other costs associated with the borrowing of money in order to pay
11 for such county roads and bridges.

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

3 BALLOT TITLE

4 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

5 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

6 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 20 of Article
7 10. It would allow the Legislature to use state tax monies for certain county
8 purposes. The state tax monies could be used to pay for county roads or bridges.
9 The state tax monies could be used to build or improve county roads or bridges
10 whether or not any debt was incurred to finance the roads or bridges. The state tax
11 monies could also be used to pay for debt incurred if money was borrowed to finance
12 roads or bridges. The state tax monies could be used to pay for principal, for
13 interest or both.

14 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

15 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

16 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02-18-10 - DO PASS.