

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ENGROSSED
Senate Joint
Resolution No. 25

ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 - By: COFFEE of the Senate and BENGGE 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 Sections 11A and 11B of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; changing name of the Apportionment Commission; modifying membership of the Commission; providing for chair of Commission; modifying the number of members of the Commission required to sign certain orders; 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 11A of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

4 Section 11A. The apportionment of the Legislature shall be accomplished by the
5 Legislature according to the provisions of this article, within ninety (90) legislative days
6 after the convening of the first regular session of the Legislature following each Federal
7 Decennial Census. If the Legislature shall fail or refuse to make such apportionment
8 within the time provided herein, then such apportionment shall be accomplished by an

1 ~~Apportionment~~ the Bipartisan Commission composed of the Attorney General,
2 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma~~
3 on Legislative Apportionment, according to the provisions of this article. The
4 Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members as follows: the Lieutenant
5 Governor, who shall be nonvoting and the chair of the Commission; two members, one
6 republican and one democrat, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; two
7 members, one republican and one democrat, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives; and two members, one republican and one democrat, appointed by the
9 Governor.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or
11 rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to
12 Section 11B of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

13 Section 11B. Each order of apportionment rendered by the ~~Apportionment~~
14 Bipartisan Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall be in writing and shall be
15 filed with the Secretary of State and shall be signed by at least ~~two~~ four members of the
16 Commission.

17 SECTION 3. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendments as set
18 forth in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

19 BALLOT TITLE

20 Legislative Referendum No. ____ State Question No. ____

21 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

1 This measure amends Sections 11A and 11B of Article 5 of the State Constitution.
2 The measure would change the name of the Apportionment Commission. The new
3 name would be the Bipartisan Commission on Legislative Apportionment.
4 Currently, the members of the Apportionment Commission are the Attorney
5 General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer. The
6 membership would be changed to seven members. The voting members of the
7 Commission would consist of equal numbers of republicans and democrats. One
8 democrat and one republican would be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
9 the Senate. One democrat and one republican would be appointed by the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives. One democrat and one republican would be
11 appointed by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor would be a nonvoting
12 member. The Lieutenant Governor would serve as chair of the Commission.
13 Currently, at least two members of the Commission are required to sign orders of
14 apportionment. The measure would change the number to four members.

15 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

16 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

17 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

18 SECTION 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the
19 passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set
20 forth in SECTION 3 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
21 General.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03-26-09 - DO PASS.