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THE STATE SENATE  
Monday, April 6, 2009

ENGROSSED  
House Joint  
Resolution No. 1014  
As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1014 - By: Osborn, Enns, Reynolds, Martin (Steve) and Tibbs of the House and Lamb of the Senate.

[ Joint Resolution - Constitutional amendment - prohibiting restrictions on certain powers of Legislature - ballot title - filing ]

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

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

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

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

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

6 BALLOT TITLE  
7 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

22 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

23 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-1-09 - DO  
7 PASS, As Amended.