

EHJR 1021

1 THE STATE SENATE  
2 Monday, April 6, 2009

3 ENGROSSED

4 House Joint

5 Resolution No. 1021

6 As Amended

7 ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1021 - By: Trebilcock of the  
8 House and Anderson of the Senate.

9 [ Constitutional amendment - legislative session - modifying  
10 date - ballot title - filing ]

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
12 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
14 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
15 the following proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the  
16 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

17 Section 26. The Legislature shall meet in regular session at  
18 the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday in  
19 February of each year and the regular session shall be finally  
20 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last  
21 Friday in May of each year.

22 The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the seat  
23 of government on the ~~first Tuesday after the first Monday in January~~  
24 fifteenth day following the General Election of each ~~odd~~ even-

1 numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes  
2 only of taking the oath of office, performing the duties as required  
3 by Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing  
4 pursuant to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not  
5 later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following  
6 first Monday in February of the ~~same~~ next year, beginning at twelve  
7 o'clock noon.

8 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
9 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in  
10 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 amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It changes when  
15 the Legislature meets after the elections to organize.

16 Currently, the Legislature meets in November to be sworn into  
17 office. Then, they meet in January to organize. This measure  
18 would have them meet only once for both organizing and being  
19 sworn in.

20 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

21 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

22 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 3-31-09 - DO  
7 PASS, As Amended.