

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1014

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of
11 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 55A to
12 Article V; prohibiting restrictions on certain powers
of Legislature; providing expenditures not required
based upon certain predetermined basis or by
reference to expenditures of other government or
other entities; providing ballot title; and directing
filing.

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

22 Section 55A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the
23 Oklahoma Constitution to the contrary, whether such provision is in
24 effect prior to, simultaneously with or after the provisions of this

1 section shall become adopted, the Legislature shall not be required
2 to make expenditures for any function of government using a
3 predetermined formula of any kind or by reference to the expenditure
4 levels of any other state government or any other entity.

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

8 BALLOT TITLE

9 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

1 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO _____

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

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