

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1021

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to  
9 the people for their approval or rejection a proposed  
10 amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the  
11 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying the  
12 date for the first day of the first year of a  
13 legislative session; modifying purposes for meeting  
14 on the first day of the first year of a legislative  
15 session; providing ballot title; and directing  
16 filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
18 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

23 Section 26. The Legislature shall meet in regular session at  
24 the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday in  
February of each year and the regular session shall be finally

1 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last  
2 Friday in May of each year.

3 The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the seat  
4 of government on the ~~first Tuesday after the first Monday in January~~  
5 the fifteenth day following the General Election of each odd even  
6 numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes  
7 only of taking the oath of office, performing the duties as required  
8 by Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing  
9 pursuant to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not  
10 later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following  
11 first Monday in February of the ~~same~~ next year, beginning at twelve  
12 o'clock noon.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

17 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It changes when  
20 the Legislature meets after the elections to organize.

21 Currently, the Legislature meets in November to be sworn into  
22 office. Then, they meet in January to organize. This measure  
23 would have them meet only once for both organizing and being  
24 sworn in.

1 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

2 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

3 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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