

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1022

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection proposed amendments to Sections 4 and 23 of
10 Article VI and Section 15 of Article IX of the
11 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; limiting the
12 term of office of certain elected officials;
13 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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

16 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
17 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
18 the following proposed amendments to Sections 4 and 23 of Article VI
19 and Section 15 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of
20 Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 ARTICLE VI

22 Section 4. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
23 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
24 Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Superintendent of Public
Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of

1 January next after their election. The said officers shall be
2 eligible to immediately succeed themselves. No person shall be
3 elected Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Auditor and Inspector,
4 Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor, or
5 Superintendent of Public Instruction more than two times in
6 succession.

7 Section 23. There shall be elected by the qualified electors of
8 the State, at the first general election, a chief officer of said
9 department, who shall be styled "The Insurance Commissioner," whose
10 term of office shall be four years: Provided, That the first term
11 of the Insurance Commissioner so elected, shall expire at the time
12 of the expiration of the term of office of the first Governor
13 elected. No person shall be elected Insurance Commissioner more
14 than two times in succession. Said Insurance Commissioner shall be
15 at least twenty-five years of age and well versed in insurance
16 matters.

17 ARTICLE IX

18 Section 15. A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to be
19 composed of three persons, who shall be elected by the people at a
20 general election for State officers, and their terms of office shall
21 be six years: Provided, Corporation Commissioners first elected
22 under this Constitution shall hold office as follows: One shall
23 serve until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and nine;
24 one until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and eleven;

1 and one until the second Monday in January nineteen hundred and
2 thirteen; their terms to be decided by lot immediately after they
3 shall have qualified. No person shall be elected Corporation
4 Commissioner more than two times in succession. In case of a
5 vacancy in said office, the Governor of the State shall fill such
6 vacancy by appointment until the next general election, when a
7 successor shall be elected to fill out any unexpired term.

8 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
9 amendments 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 amends
15 Sections 4 and 23 of Article 6. It also amends Section 15 of
16 Article 9. This measure limits the number of terms of office in
17 a row a person can serve for certain offices. It limits a
18 person to two terms in a row. This measure affects several
19 different state elected offices. It affects the office of
20 Lieutenant Governor. It affects the office of State Auditor and
21 Inspector. It affects the office of Attorney General. It
22 affects the office of State Treasurer. It affects the office of
23 Commissioner of Labor. It affects the office of Superintendent
24 of Public Instruction. It affects the office of Insurance

1 Commissioner. It affects the office of Corporation
2 Commissioner.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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