

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 13

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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 a proposed amendment to Section 2 of
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying
11 percentage of voters to propose legislative measure
or constitutional amendment; requiring percentage to
be based on number of votes cast for Office of
Governor at most recent election; providing ballot
title; and directing filing.

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14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the
19 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

20 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the
21 initiative, and ~~eight~~ five per centum of the legal voters shall have
22 the right to propose any legislative measure, and ~~fifteen~~ ten per
23 centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose
24 amendments to the Constitution by petition, and every such petition

1 shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. The second
2 power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
4 health, or safety), either by petition signed by five per centum of
5 the legal voters or by the Legislature as other bills are enacted.
6 The ratio and per centum of legal voters hereinbefore stated shall
7 be based upon the total number of votes cast at the last general
8 election for the ~~State office receiving the highest number of votes~~
9 ~~at such election~~ Office of Governor.

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

13 BALLOT TITLE

14 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

16 This measure would amend Section 2 of Article 5 of the State
17 Constitution. Under current law, eight percent of the voters
18 must sign an initiative petition for a legislative measure.

19 Fifteen percent must sign for a constitutional amendment. This
20 measure would change those percentages to five percent for a
21 legislative measure and ten percent for a constitutional
22 amendment. The percentage would be based on the number of votes
23 cast for the Office of Governor at the last election.

24 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

3 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
4 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
5 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
6 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
7 General.

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