

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 25

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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 Sections 11A and
11 11B of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution;
12 modifying membership of the Apportionment Commission;
13 providing for chair of Commission; modifying the
14 number of members of the Commission required to sign
15 certain orders; providing ballot title; and directing
16 filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 11A of Article V of the
22 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

23 Section 11A. The apportionment of the Legislature shall be
24 accomplished by the Legislature according to the provisions of this
article, within ninety (90) legislative days after the convening of
the first regular session of the Legislature following each Federal

1 Decennial Census. If the Legislature shall fail or refuse to make
2 such apportionment within the time provided herein, then such
3 apportionment shall be accomplished by an Apportionment Commission
4 ~~composed of the Attorney General, Superintendent of Public~~
5 ~~Instruction and the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma~~
6 according to the provisions of this article. The Commission shall
7 be composed of seven (7) members as follows: the Lieutenant
8 Governor, who shall be nonvoting and the chair of the Commission;
9 two members, one republican and one democrat, appointed by the
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; two members, one republican and
11 one democrat, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives; and two members, one republican and one democrat,
13 appointed by the Governor.

14 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
15 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
16 the following proposed amendment to Section 11B of Article V of the
17 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

18 Section 11B. Each order of apportionment rendered by the
19 Apportionment Commission shall be in writing and shall be filed with
20 the Secretary of State and shall be signed by at least ~~two~~ four
21 members of the Commission.

22 SECTION 3. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
23 amendments as set forth in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of this resolution shall
24 be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends Sections 11A and 11B of Article 5 of the State Constitution. Currently, the members of the Apportionment Commission are the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer. The membership would be changed to seven members. One democrat and one republican would be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. One democrat and one republican would be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One democrat and one republican would be appointed by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor would be a nonvoting member. The Lieutenant Governor would serve as chair of the Commission. Currently, at least two members of the Commission are required to sign orders of apportionment. The measure would change the number to four members.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

SECTION 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 3

1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.

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