

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 8

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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 the Oklahoma  
10 Constitution by adding a new section to Article I to  
11 be designated as Section 2.1; creating the School  
12 Prayer Act; providing short title; stating that  
13 people retain right to pray and recognize their  
14 religion on public property; prohibiting state from  
15 establishing official religion or requiring people to  
16 join in religious activity; providing ballot title;  
17 and directing filing.

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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
23 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
24 the following proposed amendment to Article I of the Oklahoma  
25 Constitution by adding a new Section 2.1 to read as follows:

26 Section 2.1 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as  
27 the "School Prayer Act".

28 B. In order to secure the people's right to acknowledge God  
29 according to the dictates of conscience:

1 1. The people retain the right to pray and to recognize their  
2 religious beliefs, heritage and traditions on public property,  
3 including schools; and

4 2. The State of Oklahoma shall not establish any official  
5 religion nor require any person to join in prayer or religious  
6 activity.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

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

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure enacts a new Section 2.1 of Article 1 of the State  
14 Constitution. It creates the "School Prayer Act". It would  
15 state that the people retain their right to pray and recognize  
16 their religious values on public property. Public property  
17 would include schools. It also would ban the state from  
18 establishing an official religion or requiring people to join in  
19 prayer or religious activity.

20 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

21 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

22 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

23 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
24 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file

1 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
3 General.

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