

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1004

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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 Constitution of
10 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 35A to
11 Article V; modifying the legislative process to
12 require certain consideration of bills and joint
13 resolutions; providing ballot title; and directing
14 filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
18 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
19 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
20 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 35A to Article V thereof, to read
21 as follows:

22 Section 35A. A. After assignment to a standing or special
23 committee, the principal author of a bill or resolution introduced
24 on or prior to the filing deadline of a First Regular Session of the
Legislature and the principal author of a bill or resolution

1 introduced after the filing deadline of a First Regular Session of
2 the Legislature and on or prior to the filing deadline of the Second
3 Regular Session of that same Legislature shall be entitled to have
4 such bill or joint resolution considered at least four (4)
5 legislative days prior to the final date for Third Reading in the
6 First Regular Session or for Third Reading in the Second Regular
7 Session respectively or prior to any date designated as a deadline
8 for reporting bills and joint resolutions from committee if the
9 principal author submits a request to the Chair of the committee.

10 B. If a bill or joint resolution is reported from committee in
11 either the House of Representatives or the Senate, the bill or joint
12 resolution shall be heard on the floor of the respective house of
13 the Legislature prior to any date designated as a deadline for third
14 reading and final passage if the principal author from that house of
15 the Legislature makes a written request for such consideration to
16 the Speaker of the House if the bill or joint resolution is on
17 General Order in the House of Representatives or to the President
18 Pro Tempore of the Senate if the bill or joint resolution is on
19 General Order in the Senate.

20 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
21 Amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this act shall be in the
22 following form:

23 BALLLOT TITLE

24 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

1 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

2 This measure is about the process of hearing bills in the state
3 Legislature. It would require hearings in committee for bills
4 and certain other measures if requested by the authors. If such
5 a bill or measure passes out of a Senate or House committee, the
6 author could ask that the bill be heard by the entire chamber.
7 If an author did this, it would have to be heard on the floor of
8 that chamber.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

12 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
13 immediately after the passage of this act, shall prepare and file
14 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
15 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
16 General.

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