

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1022

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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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 9A and 10A  
11 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
12 Oklahoma, which relate to legislative districts;  
13 clarifying language; providing ballot title; and  
14 directing 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 amendments to Sections 9A and 10A of Article  
20 V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 9A. The ~~state~~ State of Oklahoma shall be apportioned  
22 into forty-eight senatorial districts in the following manner: the  
23 nineteen most populous counties, as determined by the most recent  
24 Federal Decennial Census, shall constitute nineteen senatorial  
districts with one senator to be nominated and elected from each

1 district; the fifty-eight less populous counties shall be joined  
2 into twenty-nine two-county districts with one senator to be  
3 nominated and elected from each of the two-county districts. In  
4 apportioning the State Senate, consideration shall be given to  
5 population, compactness, area, political units, historical  
6 precedents, economic and political interests, contiguous territory,  
7 and other major factors, to the extent feasible.

8 Each senatorial district, whether single county or multi-county,  
9 shall be entitled to one senator, who shall hold office for four  
10 years; provided that any senator, serving at the time of the  
11 adoption of this amendment, shall serve the full time for which he  
12 was elected. Vitalization of senatorial districts shall provide for  
13 one-half of the senators to be elected at each general election.

14 Section 10A. The Oklahoma House of Representatives shall  
15 consist of the number of Representatives as determined by the  
16 formula and procedure set forth herein. The number of members of  
17 the House of Representatives to which each county shall be entitled  
18 shall be determined according to the following formula:

19 a. The total population of the state as ascertained by the most  
20 recent Federal Decennial Census shall be divided by the number one  
21 hundred and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the  
22 House of Representatives, except as otherwise provided in this  
23 Article.

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1       AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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