

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1028

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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 Section 23 of  
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
12 Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to certain  
13 activity authorized for legislators; prohibiting  
14 compensation, remuneration or reimbursement from  
15 state governmental entities for prescribed period;  
16 authorizing employment of former legislators by  
17 certain political subdivisions; providing ballot  
18 title; and directing filing.

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

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

Section 23. A. No member of the Legislature shall, during the  
term for which ~~he~~ the member was elected, be appointed or elected to  
any office or commission in the State, which shall have been

1 created, or the emoluments of which shall have been increased,  
2 during ~~his~~ the term of office, ~~nor shall any member to which the~~  
3 member was elected.

4 B. No former member of the Legislature shall be employed by or  
5 receive any form of compensation, remuneration or expense  
6 reimbursement from any state governmental entity for a period of two  
7 (2) years after the end of the term to which the member was elected.

8 C. No member shall receive any appointment from the Governor,  
9 the Governor and Senate, or from the Legislature, during the term  
10 for which ~~he~~ the member shall have been elected, ~~nor shall any.~~

11 D. No member shall, during the term for which ~~he~~ the member  
12 shall have been elected, or within two (2) years thereafter, be  
13 interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the State,  
14 or, except with respect to the employment authorized pursuant to  
15 subsection E of this section, in any contract with any county or  
16 other political subdivision ~~thereof~~, authorized by law passed during  
17 the term for which ~~he~~ the member shall have been elected.

18 E. The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit a  
19 former legislator from being employed by a county, city, town,  
20 school district or other political subdivision within the two-year  
21 period after the end of the term to which the legislator was  
22 elected.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

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

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends  
8 Section 23 of Article 5. This section relates to lawmakers.  
9 This measure would forbid the state from making any payment to a  
10 former lawmaker for two (2) years. The lawmaker could not be a  
11 state employee during this time. The lawmaker could not be paid  
12 any money from state funds. A former lawmaker could be employed  
13 by a county. A former lawmaker could be employed by a city or  
14 town. A former lawmaker could be employed by a school district.  
15 A lawmaker could be employed by another local government entity.

16 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

17 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

18 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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