

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 15

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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 Section 4 of
10 Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution; requiring
Senate confirmation of certain judicial appointments;
providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
16 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
17 the following proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article VII-B of
18 the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

19 Section 4. When a vacancy in any Judicial Office, however
20 arising, occurs or is certain to occur, the Judicial Nominating
21 Commission shall choose and submit to the Governor and the Chief
22 Justice of the Supreme Court three (3) nominees, each of whom has
23 previously notified the Commission in writing that he will serve as
24 a Judicial Officer if appointed. The Governor shall appoint one (1)

1 of the nominees to fill the vacancy, but if ~~he~~ the Governor fails to
2 do so within sixty (60) days the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
3 shall appoint one (1) of the nominees, the appointment to be
4 certified by the Secretary of State. Any appointment or
5 reappointment by the Governor to fill a Judicial Office shall be
6 confirmed by a majority of the Senate.

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 would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would
14 amend Section 4 of Article 7-B. This section provides for
15 filling vacancies for judges. This measure will require that
16 the Senate approve any person chosen by the Governor to fill a
17 vacancy.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

21 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
22 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
23 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

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

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