

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 43

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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 38 to Article  
11 II; making certain statement; defining certain term;  
12 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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 the Oklahoma Constitution by  
18 adding a new Section 38 to Article II to read as follows:

19 Section 38. A. All persons are born free and have inalienable  
20 rights.

21 B. For purposes of the Oklahoma Constitution, "person" means a  
22 human being at all stages of life, including the stage of  
23 fertilization or conception, regardless of age, health, level of  
24 functioning, or condition of dependency.

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 State Constitution. It adds a new  
8 Section 38 to Article 2. It states that all persons are born  
9 free. It states that all persons have inalienable rights. It  
10 defines the term "person" for the State Constitution. "Person"  
11 means a human being at all stages of life. These stages include  
12 fertilization and conception. The term "person" is not  
13 dependent on age, health, level of functioning, or condition of  
14 dependency.

15 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

16 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

17 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

18 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
19 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
20 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
21 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
22 General.

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