

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 83

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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 1 of
10 Article VII of the Oklahoma Constitution; abolishing
11 certain court; providing ballot title; and directing
12 filing.

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 2ND 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 1 of Article VII of the
18 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

19 Section 1. The judicial power of this State shall be vested in
20 the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, a Supreme Court, ~~the~~
21 ~~Court of Criminal Appeals,~~ the Court on the Judiciary, the ~~State~~
22 ~~Industrial Workers' Compensation~~ Workers' Compensation Court, the Court of Bank Review,
23 the Court of Tax Review, and such intermediate appellate courts as
24 may be provided by statute, District Courts, and such Boards,
Agencies and Commissions created by the Constitution or established

1 by statute as exercise adjudicative authority or render decisions in
2 individual proceedings. Provided that ~~the Court of Criminal~~
3 ~~Appeals~~, the ~~State Industrial Workers'~~ Compensation Court, the Court
4 of Bank Review and the Court of Tax Review and such Boards, Agencies
5 and Commissions as have been established by statute shall continue
6 in effect, subject to the power of the Legislature to change or
7 abolish said Courts, Boards, Agencies, or Commissions. Municipal
8 Courts in cities or incorporated towns shall continue in effect and
9 shall be subject to creation, abolition or alteration by the
10 Legislature by general laws, but shall be limited in jurisdiction to
11 criminal and traffic proceedings arising out of infractions of the
12 provisions of ordinances of cities and towns or of duly adopted
13 regulations authorized by such ordinances.

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

17 BALLLOT TITLE
18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends Section 1 of Article 7 of the State
21 Constitution. This measure abolishes the Court of Criminal
22 Appeals.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

1 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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