

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 85

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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 2 of  
10 Article VII of the Oklahoma Constitution;  
11 establishing limitations on certain terms; providing  
12 ballot title; and directing 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 2 of Article VII of the  
18 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

19 Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of nine Justices  
20 until the number shall be changed by statute and each Justice shall  
21 be from a separate district of the State. Each district shall  
22 remain as presently constituted until otherwise provided by Statute.  
23 The terms of office of the Justices of the Supreme Court shall be  
24 six (6) years and shall commence on the second Monday of January  
following their election. No justice shall serve more than twelve

1 (12) years on the Court. Those appointed or elected to fill  
2 vacancies shall assume office immediately upon qualifying for the  
3 office. Each Justice, at the time of ~~his~~ election or appointment,  
4 shall have attained the age of thirty (30) years, shall have been a  
5 qualified elector in the district for at least one (1) year  
6 immediately prior to the date of filing or appointment, and shall  
7 have been a licensed practicing attorney or judge of a court of  
8 record, or both, in Oklahoma for five (5) years preceding ~~his~~  
9 election or appointment and shall continue to be a duly licensed  
10 attorney while in office to be eligible to hold the office. The  
11 Justices shall choose from among their members a Chief Justice and a  
12 Vice Chief Justice.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE  
17 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends Section 2 of Article 7 of the State  
20 Constitution. This measure limits a Supreme Court Justice to  
21 serving no more than twelve years on the Court.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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