

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 88

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution relating to judges; ordering a  
8 legislative referendum pursuant to the Oklahoma  
9 Constitution; amending 20 O.S. 2011, Section 92i,  
10 which relates to candidates for district judge or  
11 associate district judge; establishing certain  
12 eligibility requirement; providing effective date;  
13 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 3 of Article V of the Oklahoma  
17 Constitution, there is hereby ordered the following legislative  
18 referendum which shall be filed with the Secretary of State and  
19 addressed to the Governor of the state, who shall submit the same to  
20 the people for their approval or rejection at the next General  
21 Election.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 92i, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 92i. To file as a candidate for the office of district  
judge or associate district judge, one must have been a registered

1 voter and actual resident of the appropriate county for at least six  
2 (6) months prior to the first day of the filing period. Should no  
3 one file for any such office, and should a vacancy thereby created  
4 be filled by appointment according to law, there shall be no such  
5 residency or durational registration requirement imposed on the  
6 appointee, providing said appointee is otherwise qualified, nor  
7 shall any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of  
8 district judge or associate district judge be required to comply  
9 with such residency or durational registration requirement in  
10 becoming a candidate for a full term following such appointment. No  
11 one who has been removed from judicial office or who has resigned  
12 from office pending disciplinary proceedings shall qualify to file  
13 as a candidate for judicial office. No person shall be eligible to  
14 serve as a district judge or associate district judge for more than  
15 twelve (12) years.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective upon approval by the  
17 people.

18 SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed act shall be in  
19 the following form:

20 BALLOT TITLE

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

22 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
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1 This measure amends Section 92i of Title 20 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes. This measure limits district judges to serving for 12  
3 years.

4 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

5 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

6 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

7 SECTION 5. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
8 immediately after the passage of this order for legislative  
9 referendum, prepare and file in accordance with Section 3 of Article  
10 V of the Oklahoma Constitution, one copy of this order for  
11 legislative referendum, including the Ballot Title set forth in  
12 SECTION 4, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
13 Attorney General.

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