

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE JOINT
6 RESOLUTION 1006

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and

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14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

15 [Joint Resolution - amendment to the Constitution -
16 right to engage in certain farming and ranching
practices - ballot title - filing]

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
20 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
22 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
23 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
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1 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 38 to Article II thereof, to read
2 as follows:

3 Section 38. To protect agriculture as a vital sector of
4 Oklahoma's economy, which provides food, energy, health benefits,
5 and security and is the foundation and stabilizing force of
6 Oklahoma's economy, the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in
7 farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this
8 state. The Legislature shall pass no law which abridges the right
9 of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology and
10 livestock production and ranching practices.

11 Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify any
12 provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass, eminent
13 domain, or any other property rights.

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 BALLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure adds a new section of law to the State
21 Constitution. It adds Section 38 to Article 2. It protects the
22 rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching
23 practices. It prohibits the Legislature from passing laws that
24 would take away the right to employ agricultural technology and

1 livestock production and ranching practices. It provides for
2 interpretation of the section.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

6 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
7 shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and
8 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
9 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
10 Attorney General.

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