

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION 1006

By: Biggs of the House

and

Fields of the Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
12 to refer to the people for their approval or
13 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of
14 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 38 to
15 Article II; guaranteeing the right to engage in
16 certain farming and ranching practices; prohibiting
17 Legislature from passing certain laws; providing
18 ballot title; and directing filing.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
20 1ST 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
24 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 38 to Article II thereof, to read
as follows:

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

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

13 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure adds a new section of law to the State
16 Constitution. It adds Section 38 to Article 2. It protects the
17 rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and
18 ranching practices. It prohibits the Legislature from passing
19 laws that would take away the right to employ agricultural
20 technology and modern livestock production.

21 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

22 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

23 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/20/2013 - DO PASS,
8 As Coauthored.

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