

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION 1020

By: Blackwell and Moore

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
10 to refer to the people for their approval or
11 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of
12 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 38 to
13 Article II; providing that certain entities and
14 persons cannot be forced to provide coverage for
15 certain services if against their beliefs; providing
16 ballot title; and directing filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
18 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

24 No individual, employer, health plan provider, health plan
 sponsor, health care provider, or any other person or entity shall

1 be compelled to provide coverage for, or be discriminated against or
2 penalized for declining or refusing coverage for abortion,
3 contraception or sterilization in a health plan if such items or
4 procedures are contrary to the religious beliefs or moral
5 convictions of such employer, health plan provider, health plan
6 sponsor, health care provider, person, or entity.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

11 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure adds a new section of law to the State Constitution. It
14 adds Section 38 to Article 2. It prohibits penalizing or forcing an
15 employer, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care
16 provider, or any other person or entity to provide health care
17 coverage for abortion, contraception or sterilization if contrary to
18 their religious beliefs or moral convictions.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

22 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
24 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in

1 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
2 Attorney General.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON STATES' RIGHTS, dated 02/20/2013 -
5 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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