

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE JOINT  
7 RESOLUTION NO. 1024

By: Jackson

8                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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 Section 26 of  
12                   Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
13                   Oklahoma; modifying the date for the first day of the  
14                   first year of a legislative session; modifying  
15                   purposes for meeting on the first day of the first  
16                   year of a legislative session; providing ballot  
17                   title; and directing filing.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
19 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20                   SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
21                   their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
22                   the following proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the  
23                   Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

24                   Section 26. The Legislature shall meet in regular session at  
the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday in

1 February of each year and the regular session shall be finally  
2 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last  
3 Friday in May of each year.

4 The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the seat  
5 of government on the ~~First Tuesday after the First Monday in January~~  
6 fifteenth day following the General Election of each ~~odd~~ even-  
7 numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes  
8 only of taking the oath of office, performing the duties as required  
9 by Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not  
11 later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following  
12 first Monday in February of the ~~same~~ next year, beginning at twelve  
13 o'clock noon.

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 BALLLOT TITLE

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

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It changes when  
21 the Legislature meets after the elections to organize.

22 Currently, the Legislature meets in November to be sworn into  
23 office. Then, they meet in January to organize. This measure

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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 would have them meet only once for both organizing and being  
2 sworn in.

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 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall 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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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/12/2013 - DO PASS,  
13 As Amended.  
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