

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2013

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION NO. 22

By: Jolley and Sykes of the
Senate

5 and

6 Murphey of the House

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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 Oklahoma
12 Constitution by adding a new Section 4A to Article
13 VII-B; modifying certain appointment procedure;
14 requiring Senate confirmation of certain judicial
15 appointment; providing ballot title; and directing
16 filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 Oklahoma Constitution by
22 adding a new Section 4A to Article VII-B to read as follows:

23 Section 4A. Commencing April 1, 2015, the Governor shall
24 appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court. Should the nominee be from amongst

1 the sitting Justices of the Court, the Judicial Nominating
2 Commission need not be consulted. However, if the nominee is not a
3 sitting member of the Court, the nominee shall follow the nomination
4 procedures established pursuant to Section 4 of Article VII-B
5 regarding submission and screening by the Judicial Nominating
6 Commission.

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 would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would
14 add Section 4A of Article 7-B. This section provides for
15 filling vacancies for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The
16 Governor will appoint the new Chief Justice. The appointment
17 will require confirmation by the Senate.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

21 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
22 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
23 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

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

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
4 February 20, 2013 - DO PASS

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