

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2014

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION NO. 56

By: Fields of the Senate

5 and

6 Biggs of the House

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

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

23 Section 38. To protect agriculture as a vital sector of  
24 Oklahoma's economy, which provides food, energy, health benefits,  
and security and is the foundation and stabilizing force of  
Oklahoma's economy, the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in

1 modern farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in  
2 this state. The Legislature shall pass no law which abridges the  
3 right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology and  
4 modern livestock production and ranching practices.

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

8 BALLOT TITLE

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

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

17 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

18 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

19 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

20 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
21 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
22 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 19, 2014 - DO PASS  
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