

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1020

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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; providing that certain entities and
13 persons cannot be forced to provide coverage for
14 certain services if against their beliefs; providing
15 ballot title; and directing filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
17 1ST 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 No individual, employer, health plan provider, health plan
24 sponsor, health care provider, or any other person or entity shall
be compelled to provide coverage for, or be discriminated against or

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

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

9 BALLOT TITLE

10 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

11 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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