

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 22

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
8 to refer to the people for their approval or  
9 rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma  
10 Constitution by adding a new Section 4A to Article  
11 VII-B; modifying certain appointment procedure;  
12 requiring Senate confirmation of certain judicial  
13 appointment; providing ballot title; and directing  
14 filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
18 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
19 the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by  
20 adding a new Section 4A to Article VII-B to read as follows:

21 Section 4A. Commencing April 1, 2015, the Governor shall  
22 appoint, with the advise and consent of the Senate, the Chief  
23 Justice of the Supreme Court. Should the nominee be from amongst the  
24 sitting Justices of the Court, the Judicial Nominating Commission  
need not be consulted. However, if the nominee is not a sitting  
member of the Court, the nominee shall follow the nomination

1 procedures established pursuant to Section 4 of Article VII-B  
2 regarding submission and screening by the Judicial Nominating  
3 Commission.

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

7 BALLOT TITLE

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

9 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

15 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

16 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

17 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

18 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
19 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
20 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
21 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
22 General.

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