

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 31

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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 of a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma
10 Constitution, prohibiting discrimination or
11 penalization for refusing to provide certain health
12 insurance coverage if it is contrary to religious or
13 moral beliefs; providing ballot title; and directing
14 filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE 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 38 to Article II to read as follows:

21 Section 38. No individual, employer, health plan provider,
22 health plan sponsor, health care provider, or any other person or
23 entity shall be compelled to provide coverage for, or be
24 discriminated against or penalized for declining or refusing
coverage for, abortion, contraception, or sterilization in a health
plan if such items or procedures are contrary to the religious

1 beliefs or moral convictions of such employer, health plan provider,
2 health plan sponsor, health care provider, person, or entity.

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

6 BALLOT TITLE

7 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new
10 section to Article 2. This measure provides that no individual,
11 employer or other entity can be compelled to provide health
12 insurance coverage for abortion, contraceptive or sterilization if
13 providing the coverage would violate their moral or religious
14 beliefs.

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 act, prepare and file one copy
20 thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof,
21 with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

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