

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 40

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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 Section 4 of
10 Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying
11 time period person eligible to serve as Governor;
12 providing for limit on service by person serving as
13 Governor at time of passage of amendment; providing
14 ballot title; and directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 2ND 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 Section 4 of Article VI of the
20 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

21 Section 4. A. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
22 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
23 Treasurer, Commissioner of Labor and Superintendent of Public
24 Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
January next after their election. The said officers shall be

1 eligible to immediately succeed themselves except as otherwise
2 provided in this section.

3 B. 1. No person shall be eligible to serve as Governor for a
4 period of time in excess of ~~eight (8) years.~~ ~~Such years need not be~~
5 ~~consecutive~~ four (4) years. Any years served by a person serving as
6 Governor for less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office
7 shall not be included in the ~~eight-year~~ limitation set forth herein.

8 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, any person
9 serving as Governor at the time of passage of this amendment shall
10 be eligible to complete the term of office to which he or she was
11 elected but shall not be eligible to serve as Governor ~~for a period~~
12 ~~of time in excess of eight (8) years~~ thereafter, excluding years
13 served for less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office.
14 The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether
15 such years were served prior to or after passage of this amendment.

16 C. No person shall be eligible to serve as Lieutenant Governor,
17 State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
18 Commissioner of Labor or Superintendent of Public Instruction for a
19 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
20 consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to
21 serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in any such office
22 shall not be included in the limitations set forth herein. Any
23 person serving in such position at the time of passage of this
24 amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she

1 has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional eight
2 (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this
3 amendment.

4 D. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
5 implement the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.

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 amends Section 4 of Article 6 of the Oklahoma
13 Constitution. Under current law, no person may serve as
14 Governor for a period of time in excess of eight years. This
15 measure would change that to four years. Years served for less
16 than a full term to fill a vacancy would not be included in the
17 limit. A person serving as Governor at the time of passage of
18 this amendment would be eligible to complete the term to which
19 he or she was elected but would not be eligible to serve
20 thereafter, except for years served for less than a full term to
21 fill a vacancy.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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