

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 42

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution urging the United States Congress
8 vote to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to
9 the United States Constitution; and directing
10 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority
13 threaten our Constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by
14 the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendments
15 of our Constitution; and

16 WHEREAS, Federal regulators must be more accountable to elected
17 representatives of the people, not immune from such accountability;
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19 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence decried the imposition
20 by the central government of "an absolute tyranny over these states"
21 and a central government that "erected a multitude of New Offices
22 and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People and eat out
23 their Substance"; and
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1 WHEREAS, states too often find themselves in a similar position
2 today; and

3 WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed with
4 bipartisan support the "REINS" Act to require that Congress approve
5 major new federal regulations before they can take effect; and

6 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has unfortunately
7 shown no inclination to sign the REINS Act if it were passed by both
8 Houses of Congress; and

9 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a
10 future Congress and President; and

11 WHEREAS, an Amendment to the United States Constitution does not
12 require the President's approval and cannot be waived by a future
13 Congress and President.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State of Oklahoma does hereby
17 urge that the United States Congress vote to propose the "REGULATION
18 FREEDOM AMENDMENT to the U.S. Constitution as follows:

19 "Whenever one quarter of the Members of the U.S. House or the
20 U.S. Senate transmit to the President their written declaration of
21 opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a
22 majority vote of the House and Senate to adopt that regulation."

23 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
24 distribute copies of this resolution to the President of the United

1 States, the Governor, and each member of the Oklahoma congressional
2 delegation.

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