

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 47

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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 31a of
10 Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, which
11 relates to the Board of Regents for Agricultural and
12 Mechanical Colleges; prohibiting members of the Board
13 of Regents from serving more than sixteen years;
14 allowing persons serving when the amendment is passed
15 to complete the term; providing ballot title; and
16 directing filing.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
22 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
23 the following proposed amendment to Section 31a of Article VI of the
24 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 31a. A. There is hereby created a Board of Regents for
the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and all
Agricultural and Mechanical Schools and Colleges maintained in whole
or in part by the State. The Board shall consist of nine (9)
members, eight (8) members to be appointed by the Governor by and

1 with the advice and consent of the Senate, a majority of whom shall
2 be farmers, and the ninth member shall be the President of the State
3 Board of Agriculture. Any vacancy occurring among the appointed
4 members shall be filled by appointment of the Governor by and with
5 the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Board
6 shall be removable only for cause as provided by law for the removal
7 of officers not subject to impeachment. The members shall be
8 appointed for terms of eight (8) years each, with one term expiring
9 each year, provided that the members of the first Board shall be
10 appointed for terms of from one (1) to eight (8) years respectively.
11 Provided that no State, National or County officer shall ever be
12 appointed as a member of said Board of Regents until two years after
13 his tenure as such officer has ceased.

14 B. 1. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Board of
15 Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and all
16 Agricultural and Mechanical Schools and Colleges maintained in whole
17 or in part by the state for a period of time in excess of sixteen
18 (16) years. Such years need not be consecutive.

19 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, any person
20 serving on the Board of Regents at the time of passage of this
21 amendment shall be eligible to complete the term to which he or she
22 was appointed.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

5 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure amends Section 31a of Article 6 of the State
8 Constitution. It would limit the members of the Board of
9 Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College to
10 sixteen years. Persons serving on the Board of Regents when
11 this measure is passed could complete their terms.

12 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

13 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

14 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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