

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 JOINT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1025

By: Hickman of the House

and

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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 23 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to certain
13 activity authorized for legislators; prohibiting
14 compensation, remuneration or reimbursement from
15 state governmental entities for prescribed period;
16 providing exception for legislators returning to
17 certain employment; providing ballot title; and
18 directing filing.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

Section 23. A. No member of the Legislature shall, during the
term for which ~~he~~ the member was elected, be appointed or elected to
any office or commission in the State, which shall have been

1 created, or the emoluments of which shall have been increased,
2 during ~~his~~ the term of office, ~~nor shall any member to which the~~
3 member was elected.

4 B. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no former
5 member of the Legislature shall be employed by or receive any form
6 of compensation, payment or expense reimbursement from any state
7 governmental entity regardless of the source of revenue until July 1
8 of the year following the end of the term of office for which the
9 member shall have been elected.

10 C. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not
11 prohibit a former member of the Legislature from being appointed to
12 the cabinet system of the Governor.

13 D. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not be
14 applicable to retirement benefit payments or distributions from a
15 governmental tax-qualified retirement plan.

16 E. No member shall receive any appointment from the Governor,
17 the Governor and Senate, or from the Legislature, during the term
18 for which ~~he~~ the member shall have been elected, ~~nor shall any.~~

19 F. Except as otherwise provided by subsection D of this
20 section, no member shall, during the term for which ~~he~~ the member
21 shall have been elected, or within two (2) years thereafter, be
22 interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the State,
23 or any county or other political subdivision thereof, authorized by

1 law passed during the term for which ~~he~~ the member shall have been
2 elected.

3 G. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a former
4 legislator from receiving the lawful compensation provided by law
5 upon election to another state office.

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 23 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma
13 Constitution. It would prohibit a former legislator from being
14 employed by a state governmental entity until July 1 of the year
15 following the end of the term of office. It would also prohibit
16 a former legislator from receiving any form of compensation,
17 payment or reimbursement from any state governmental entity
18 until July 1 of the year following the end of the term of
19 office. Former legislators could be appointed to the Governor's
20 cabinet. Former legislators could receive retirement money and
21 money paid into a retirement plan. This measure would allow
22 former legislators to be paid if elected to another state
23 office.

24 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

3 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
4 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
5 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
6 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
7 Attorney General.

8 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2015.

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10 _____
11 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

12 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2015.

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