

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1010

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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 21 of  
10 Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
11 Oklahoma, which relates to the Board on Legislative  
12 Compensation; abolishing the Board on Legislative  
13 Compensation; establishing a criteria for  
14 compensation of members of the Legislature; providing  
15 that certain increases require a vote of the people;  
16 providing when changes in compensation take effect;  
17 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
19 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

24 Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit  
members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having

1 interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties  
2 and responsibilities.

3 B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby ~~created.~~  
4 ~~Said Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the~~  
5 ~~Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the~~  
6 ~~Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~  
7 ~~Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be~~  
8 ~~from religious organizations, communications media,~~  
9 ~~nonstate-supported educational institutions, labor organizations,~~  
10 ~~and retail business; the members appointed by the President Pro~~  
11 ~~Tempore of the Senate shall be from agricultural and civic~~  
12 ~~organizations; and the members appointed by the Speaker of the House~~  
13 ~~of Representatives shall be from manufacturing and from professional~~  
14 ~~fields not otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be~~  
15 ~~appointed to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members~~  
16 ~~above provided for, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and~~  
17 ~~the Director of State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting~~  
18 ~~members of said Board. The Chairman of said Board shall be~~  
19 ~~designated by the Governor~~ abolished.

20 C. Members of the Legislature shall receive ~~such~~ compensation  
21 ~~as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative Compensation~~ pursuant  
22 to subsection D of this section. If a member of the Legislature is  
23 incarcerated due to being charged with a criminal offense and  
24 subsequently is found guilty of the offense or pleads guilty or nolo

1    contendere to the offense, the legislator shall return to the state  
2    any compensation the legislator received from the state while the  
3    legislator was incarcerated prior to the guilty verdict or plea or  
4    nolo contendere plea and shall not receive any compensation from the  
5    state during any incarceration following such verdict or plea. ~~Said~~  
6    ~~Board shall each two years review the compensation paid to the~~  
7    ~~members of the Legislature and shall be empowered to change such~~  
8    ~~compensation; such~~

9        D. Annual compensation for members of the Legislature shall be  
10    paid monthly and be equal to Oklahoma's annual state per capita  
11    personal income, except for government employees, as determined by  
12    the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis or the successor body  
13    of the same. Additional benefits, including health insurance,  
14    retirement, travel reimbursement, and per diem for members and  
15    additional compensation provided to the Speaker of the House of  
16    Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker Pro  
17    Tempore of the House of Representatives, Minority Floor Leaders and  
18    Appropriations Chairs, shall remain as provided during the 55th  
19    Session of the Oklahoma Legislature and shall not increase without  
20    approval by a vote of the people. Any change ~~to~~ in compensation or  
21    other benefits pursuant to this subsection shall become effective on  
22    the fifteenth day following the succeeding general election. ~~The~~  
23    ~~members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be~~

1 ~~entitled to receive necessary travel and subsistence expense as~~  
2 ~~provided by law for other state officers.~~

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 State Constitution. It amends the  
10 section that sets pay for members of the Legislature. It does  
11 away with the Board that sets pay for legislators. It provides  
12 a way for salaries to be set. The pay would be equal to  
13 Oklahoma's annual state per capita personal income. This is  
14 determined by the federal Census Bureau. Other benefits, such  
15 as health insurance, retirement, travel, per diem and additional  
16 pay for legislative leaders, would have to go to a vote of the  
17 people. Oklahoma voters would have to vote to allow changes in  
18 these benefits.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

22 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and  
24 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in

1 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
2 Attorney General.

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