

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 51

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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 proposed amendments to Sections 1 and 4 of
10 Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, which relate
11 to executive officers; directing the Governor to
12 appoint the Commissioner of Labor; providing
13 procedures; providing ballot title; and directing
14 filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH 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 Sections 1 and 4 of Article VI
20 of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

21 Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be
22 vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State
23 Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
24 Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor,
Commissioner of Insurance and other officers provided by law and
this Constitution, each of whom shall keep his or her office and

1 public records, books and papers at the seat of government, and
2 shall perform such duties as may be designated in this Constitution
3 or prescribed by law.

4 B. The Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor by
5 and with the consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years to
6 run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

7 C. The Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the Governor
8 by and with the consent of the Senate and shall serve at the
9 pleasure of the Governor; provided, the person serving in such
10 position at the time of passage of this amendment shall be eligible
11 to complete the term for which he or she has been elected or
12 appointed.

13 Section 4. A. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
14 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
15 Treasurer, ~~Commissioner of Labor~~ and Superintendent of Public
16 Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
17 January next after their election. The ~~said~~ officers shall be
18 eligible to immediately succeed themselves except as otherwise
19 provided in this section.

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

1 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, any person
2 serving as Governor ~~at the time of passage of this amendment on~~
3 November 2, 2010, shall be eligible to complete the term of office
4 to which he or she was elected but shall not be eligible to serve as
5 Governor for a period of time in excess of eight (8) years,
6 excluding years served for less than a full term to fill a vacancy
7 in such office. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply
8 regardless of whether such years were served prior to or after
9 passage of this amendment.

10 C. No person shall be eligible to serve as Lieutenant Governor,
11 State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
12 Commissioner of Labor or Superintendent of Public Instruction for a
13 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
14 consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to
15 serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in any such office
16 shall not be included in the limitations set forth herein. Any
17 person serving in such position ~~at the time of passage of this~~
18 ~~amendment~~ on November 2, 2010, shall be eligible to complete the
19 term for which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to
20 serve an additional eight (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the
21 provisions of this amendment.

22 D. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
23 implement the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.
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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 the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
8 Sections 1 and 4 of Article 6. It directs the Governor to
9 appoint the Commissioner of Labor by and with the consent of the
10 Senate. The appointment would be at the pleasure of the
11 Governor.

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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