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

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7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection proposed amendments to Section 15 of
10 Article IX of the Oklahoma Constitution, which
11 relates to the Corporation Commission; directing the
12 Governor to appoint the members of the Corporation
13 Commission; removing eligibility and term limit
14 provisions for the members of the Corporation
15 Commission; providing ballot title; and directing
16 filing.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2ND 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 15 of Article IX of the
Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 15. ~~A.~~ A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to
be composed of three persons, who shall be ~~elected by the people at~~
~~a general election for State officers, and their terms of office~~
~~shall be six (6) years. In case of a vacancy in said office, the~~
~~Governor of the State shall fill such vacancy by appointment until~~

1 ~~the next general election, when a successor shall be elected to fill~~
2 ~~out any unexpired term~~ appointed by the Governor by and with the
3 consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years to run
4 concurrently with the term of the Governor.

5 ~~B. No person shall be eligible to serve as Corporation~~
6 ~~Commissioner for a period of time in excess of twelve (12) years.~~
7 ~~Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person~~
8 ~~elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a~~
9 ~~vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation set~~
10 ~~forth herein. Any person serving in such position at the time of~~
11 ~~passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for~~
12 ~~which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an~~
13 ~~additional twelve (12) years thereafter, notwithstanding the~~
14 ~~provisions of this amendment. The Legislature is hereby authorized~~
15 ~~to enact laws to implement the provisions of this subsection.~~

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

19 BALLOT TITLE

20 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

21 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

22 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
23 Section 15 of Article 9. It directs the Governor to appoint the
24 members of the Corporation Commission. The appointment would be

1 for a four-year term concurrent with that of the Governor. It
2 removes term limits for members of the Corporation Commission.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

6 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
7 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
8 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
9 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
10 General.

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