

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 66

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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 23 of  
10 Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, which relate  
11 to executive officers; directing the Governor to  
12 appoint the Commissioner of Insurance; removing  
13 eligibility and term limit provisions for the  
14 Commissioner of Insurance; providing ballot title;  
15 and directing 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 Sections 1 and 23 of Article VI  
of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be  
vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State  
Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,  
Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor,  
Commissioner of Insurance, and other officers provided by law and

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

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

8 C. The Commissioner of Insurance shall be appointed by the  
9 Governor by and with the consent of the Senate for a term of four  
10 (4) years to run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

11 Section 23. ~~A. There shall be elected by the qualified~~  
12 ~~electors of the State, at the first general election, a chief~~  
13 ~~officer of the Insurance Department, who shall be styled the~~  
14 ~~"Insurance Commissioner", whose term of office shall be four years:~~  
15 ~~Provided, That the first term of the Insurance Commissioner so~~  
16 ~~elected, shall expire at the time of the expiration of the term of~~  
17 ~~office of the first Governor elected~~ The Commissioner of Insurance  
18 shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the  
19 Senate for a term of four (4) years to run concurrently with the  
20 term of the Governor. The ~~Insurance~~ Commissioner of Insurance shall  
21 be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and well versed in  
22 insurance matters.

23 ~~B. No person shall be eligible to serve as Insurance~~  
24 ~~Commissioner for a period of time in excess of eight (8) years.~~

1 ~~Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person~~  
2 ~~elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a~~  
3 ~~vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation set~~  
4 ~~forth herein. Any person serving in such position at the time of~~  
5 ~~passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for~~  
6 ~~which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an~~  
7 ~~additional eight (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the~~  
8 ~~provisions of this amendment. The Legislature is hereby authorized~~  
9 ~~to enact laws to implement the provisions of this subsection.~~

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

13 BALLLOT TITLE  
14 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

16 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends  
17 Section 1 of Article 6. It directs the Governor to appoint the  
18 Commissioner of Insurance. The appointment would be for a four-  
19 year term concurrent with that of the Governor. It amends  
20 Section 23 of Article 6. It removes term limits for the  
21 Commissioner of Insurance.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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