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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 67

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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 proposed amendments to Sections 1, 3 and 4
11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, which
12 relate to executive officers; directing the Governor
13 to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction;
14 removing eligibility and term limit provisions for
15 the Superintendent of Public Instruction; providing
16 ballot title; and directing filing.

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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 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed
9 by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate for a term of
10 four (4) years to run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

11 Section 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of
12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and
13 Inspector, Attorney General, or State Treasurer ~~or Superintendent of~~
14 ~~Public Instruction~~ except a citizen of the United States of the age
15 of not less than thirty-one (31) years and who shall have been ten
16 (10) years next preceding his or her election, or appointment, a
17 qualified elector of this state.

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

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

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

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

3 D. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
4 implement the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.

5 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
6 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1, of this resolution shall be in
7 the following form:

8 BALLOT TITLE

9 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

11 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
12 Section 1 of Article 6. It directs the Governor to appoint the
13 Superintendent of Public Instruction. The appointment would be
14 for a four-year term concurrent with that of the Governor. It
15 amends Section 3 of Article 6. It removes eligibility
16 requirements for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. It
17 amends Section 4 of Article 6. It removes term limits for the
18 Superintendent of Public Instruction.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

22 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
24 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

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

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