

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 43

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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, 9A, 17,
10 27A, 28, 33 and 34 of Article V, Sections 5, 11, 14
11 and 15 of Article VI, Section 3 of Article VIII,
12 Section 23 of Article X and Section 1 of Article XXIV
13 of the Oklahoma Constitution and the repeal of
14 Sections 10A and 29 of Article V of the Oklahoma
15 Constitution; vesting legislative authority of the
16 state in one house; providing for apportionment of
17 state into legislative districts; specifying
18 qualifications of members of Legislature; providing
19 procedures for operations of Legislature; deleting
20 references to two houses of Legislature; modifying
21 gubernatorial succession; providing an effective
22 date; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH 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 amendments to Sections 1, 9A, 17, 27A, 28, 33
and 34 of Article V, Sections 5, 11, 14 and 15 of Article VI,
Section 3 of Article VIII, Section 23 of Article X, and Section 1 of
Article XXIV of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

1 Article V, Section 1. The Legislative authority of the State
2 shall be vested in a Legislature, consisting of ~~a Senate and a House~~
3 ~~of Representatives~~ one house; but the people reserve to themselves
4 the power to propose laws and amendments to the Constitution and to
5 enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the
6 Legislature, and also reserve power at their own option to approve
7 or reject at the polls any act of the Legislature.

8 Article V, Section 9A. The state shall be apportioned into
9 forty-eight ~~senatorial~~ legislative districts ~~in the following~~
10 ~~manner: the nineteen most populous counties, as determined by the~~
11 ~~most recent Federal Decennial Census, shall constitute nineteen~~
12 ~~senatorial districts with one senator to be nominated and elected~~
13 ~~from each district; the fifty-eight less populous counties shall be~~
14 ~~joined into twenty-nine two-county districts with one senator to be~~
15 ~~nominated and elected from each of the two-county districts.~~ In
16 apportioning the ~~State Senate~~ Legislature, consideration shall be
17 given to population, compactness, area, political units, historical
18 precedents, economic and political interests, contiguous territory,
19 and other major factors, to the extent feasible.

20 Each ~~senatorial~~ legislative district, ~~whether single county or~~
21 ~~multi-county,~~ shall be entitled to one senator, who shall hold
22 office for four years; ~~provided that any senator, serving at the~~
23 ~~time of the adoption of this amendment, shall serve the full time~~
24 ~~for which he was elected.~~ Vitalization of senatorial districts

1 shall provide for one-half of the senators to be elected at each
2 general election.

3 Article V, Section 17. Members of the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall
4 be at least twenty-five years of age, ~~and members of the House of~~
5 ~~Representatives twenty-one years of age~~ at the time of their
6 election. They shall be qualified electors in their respective
7 counties or districts and shall reside in their respective counties
8 or districts during their term of office.

9 Article V, Section 27A. (1) The Legislature may be called into
10 special session by a written call for such purposes as may be
11 specifically set out in the call, signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the
12 ~~members of the Senate and two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the~~
13 ~~House of Representatives~~ thereof when it is filed with the President
14 Pro Tempore of the ~~Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~
15 ~~Representatives~~ Legislature who shall issue ~~jointly~~ an order for the
16 convening of the special session.

17 (2) Nothing in this section shall prevent the calling of a
18 special session of the Legislature by the Governor, as provided by
19 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

20 Article V, Section 28. The ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall, at the
21 beginning of each regular session and at such other times as may be
22 necessary, elect one of its members President pro tempore, who shall
23 preside over its deliberations in the absence or place of the
24 Lieutenant Governor; and the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall provide for

1 all its standing committees and, by a majority vote, elect the
2 members thereof.

3 Article V, Section 33. A. ~~All bills for raising revenue shall~~
4 ~~originate in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose~~
5 ~~amendments to revenue bills.~~

6 ~~B.~~ No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of
7 the session.

8 ~~C.~~ B. Any revenue bill ~~originating in the House of~~
9 ~~Representatives~~ shall not become effective until it has been
10 referred to the people of the state at the next general election
11 held throughout the state and shall become effective and be in force
12 when it has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the
13 measure at such election and not otherwise, except as otherwise
14 provided in subsection ~~D~~ C of this section.

15 ~~D.~~ C. Any revenue bill ~~originating in the House of~~
16 ~~Representatives~~ may become law without being submitted to a vote of
17 the people of the state if such bill receives the approval of three-
18 fourths (3/4) of the membership of the ~~House of Representatives and~~
19 ~~three-fourths (3/4) of the membership of the Senate~~ Legislature and
20 is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action. Any such
21 revenue bill shall not be subject to the emergency measure provision
22 authorized in Section 58 of this Article and shall not become
23 effective and be in force until ninety days after it has been
24 approved by the Legislature, and acted on by the Governor.

1 Article V, Section 34. Every bill shall be read on three
2 different days in ~~each House~~ the Legislature, and no bill shall
3 become a law unless, on its final passage, it be read at length, and
4 no law shall be passed unless upon a vote of a majority of all the
5 members elected to ~~each House~~ the Legislature in favor of such law;
6 and the question, upon final passage, shall be taken upon its last
7 reading, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal.

8 Article VI, Section 5. The returns of every election for all
9 elective state officers shall be sealed up and transmitted by the
10 returning officers to the Secretary of State, directed to the
11 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives~~ President Pro Tempore of the
12 Legislature, who shall, immediately after the organization of the
13 ~~House~~ Legislature, and before proceeding to other business, open and
14 publish the same in the presence of a majority of ~~each branch of~~ the
15 Legislature, who shall for that purpose assemble in the hall of the
16 ~~House of Representatives~~ Legislature. The persons respectively
17 having the highest number of votes for either of the said offices
18 shall be declared duly elected; but in case two or more shall have
19 an equal and the highest number of votes for either of said offices,
20 the Legislature shall, forthwith, by joint ballot, choose one of the
21 said persons so having an equal and the highest number of votes for
22 said office.

23 Article VI, Section 11. Every bill which shall have passed the
24 ~~Senate and House of Representatives~~ Legislature, and every

1 resolution requiring the assent of ~~both branches of~~ the Legislature,
2 shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor; if ~~he~~
3 ~~approve~~ the Governor approves, ~~he~~ the Governor shall sign it; if
4 not, ~~he~~ the Governor shall return it with ~~his~~ objections to the
5 ~~house in which it shall have originated~~ Legislature, who shall enter
6 the objections at large in the Journal and proceed to reconsider it.
7 If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the members elected to
8 ~~that house~~ the Legislature shall agree to pass the bill or joint
9 resolution, ~~it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the~~
10 ~~other house, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered; and, if~~
11 ~~approved by two thirds of the members elected to that house, it~~
12 shall become a law, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.
13 In all such cases, the vote in ~~both houses~~ the Legislature shall be
14 determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting
15 shall be entered on the Journal ~~of each house respectively~~. If any
16 bill or resolution shall not be returned by the Governor within five
17 days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to ~~him~~
18 the Governor, the same shall be a law in like manner as if ~~he~~ the
19 Governor had signed it, unless the Legislature shall, by ~~their~~ its
20 adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall not become a
21 law without the approval of the Governor. No bill shall become a
22 law after the final adjournment of the Legislature, unless approved
23 by the Governor within fifteen days after such adjournment.

1 Article VI, Section 14. ~~In case of a disagreement between the~~
2 ~~two houses of the Legislature, at a regular or special session, with~~
3 ~~respect to the time of adjournment, the Governor may, if the facts~~
4 ~~be certified to him, by the presiding officer of the house first~~
5 ~~moving the adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall deem~~
6 ~~proper, not beyond the day of the next stated meeting of the~~
7 ~~Legislature.~~ The Governor may convoke the Legislature at or
8 adjourn it to another place, when, in ~~his~~ the Governor's opinion,
9 the public safety or welfare, or the safety or health of the members
10 require it: Provided, however, That such change or adjournment
11 shall be concurred in by a two-thirds vote of all the members
12 elected to ~~each branch of~~ the Legislature.

13 Article VI, Section 15. The Lieutenant Governor shall possess
14 the same qualifications of eligibility for office as the Governor.
15 ~~He~~ The Lieutenant Governor shall be president of the Senate, but
16 shall have only a casting vote therein, ~~and also in joint vote of~~
17 ~~both houses.~~ If, during a vacancy of the office of Governor, the
18 Lieutenant Governor shall be impeached, displaced, resign, die or be
19 absent from the State, or become incapable of performing the duties
20 of the office, the president, pro tempore, of the ~~Senate~~
21 Legislature, shall act as Governor until the vacancy be filled or
22 the disability shall cease; ~~and if the president, pro tempore, of~~
23 ~~the Senate, for any of the above enumerated causes, shall become~~
24 ~~incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of~~

1 ~~Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall act as~~
2 ~~Governor until the vacancy be filled or the disability shall cease.~~
3 Further provisions for succession to the office of Governor shall be
4 prescribed by law.

5 Article VIII, Section 3. When sitting as a Court of
6 Impeachment, the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall be presided over by the
7 Chief Justice, or if ~~he~~ the Chief Justice is absent or disqualified,
8 then one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to be
9 selected by it, except in cases where all the members of said court
10 are absent or disqualified, or in cases of impeachment of any
11 Justice of the Supreme Court, then the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall
12 elect one of its own members as a presiding officer for such
13 purpose. ~~The House of Representatives shall present all~~
14 ~~impeachments.~~

15 Article X, Section 23. The state shall never create or
16 authorize the creation of any debt or obligation, or fund or pay any
17 deficit, against the state, or any department, institution or agency
18 thereof, regardless of its form or the source of money from which it
19 is to be paid, except as may be provided in this section and in
20 Sections 24 and 25 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of
21 Oklahoma.

22 To ensure a balanced annual budget, pursuant to the limitations
23 contained in the foregoing, procedures are herewith established as
24 follows:

1 1. Not more than forty-five (45) days or less than thirty-five
2 (35) days prior to the convening of each regular session of the
3 Legislature, the State Board of Equalization shall certify the total
4 amount of revenue which accrued during the last preceding fiscal
5 year to the General Revenue Fund and to each Special Revenue Fund
6 appropriated directly by the Legislature, and shall further certify
7 amounts available for appropriation which shall be based on a
8 determination, in accordance with the procedure hereinafter
9 provided, of the revenues to be received by the state under the laws
10 in effect at the time such determination is made, for the next
11 ensuing fiscal year, showing separately the revenues to accrue to
12 the credit of each such fund of the state appropriated directly by
13 the Legislature.

14 Amounts certified as available for appropriation from each fund,
15 as hereinbefore provided, shall be ninety-five percent (95%) of an
16 itemized estimate made by the State Board of Equalization, which
17 shall include all sources of revenue to each fund for the next
18 ensuing fiscal year; provided, however, appropriated federal funds
19 shall be certified for the full amount of the estimate. Said
20 estimate shall consider any increase or decline in revenues that
21 would result from predictable changes in the economy.

22 Legislative appropriations for any fiscal year, except for
23 special appropriations provided for in paragraph 6, 7 or 8 shall be
24 limited to a sum not to exceed the total amount appropriated from

1 all funds in the preceding fiscal year, plus twelve percent (12%),
2 adjusted for inflation for the previous calendar year. Said limit
3 shall be adjusted for funds not previously appropriated. The limit
4 on the growth of appropriations shall be certified to by the State
5 Board of Equalization.

6 2. Such certification shall be filed with the Governor, and the
7 President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, ~~and the Speaker~~
8 ~~of the House of Representatives~~. The Legislature shall not pass or
9 enact any bill, act or measure making an appropriation of money for
10 any purpose until such certification is made and filed, unless the
11 State Board of Equalization has failed to file said certification at
12 the time of convening of said Legislature. In such event, it shall
13 be the duty of the Legislature to make such certification pursuant
14 to the provisions of this section. All appropriations made in
15 excess of such certification shall be null and void; provided,
16 however, that the Legislature may at any regular session or special
17 session, called for that purpose, enact laws to provide for
18 additional revenues or a reduction in revenues, other than ad
19 valorem taxes, or transferring the existing revenues or
20 unappropriated cash on hand from one fund to another, or making
21 provisions for appropriating funds not previously appropriated
22 directly by the Legislature. Whereupon, it shall be the duty of the
23 State Board of Equalization to make a determination of the revenues
24 that will accrue under such laws and ninety-five percent (95%) of

1 the amount of any increase or decrease resulting, for any reason,
2 from such changes in laws shall be added to or deducted from the
3 amount previously certified available for appropriation from each
4 respective fund, as the case may be. The State Board of
5 Equalization shall file the amount of such adjusted certification,
6 or additional certification for funds not previously appropriated
7 directly by the Legislature, with the Governor, and with the
8 President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, ~~and the Speaker~~
9 ~~of the House of Representatives~~, and such adjusted amount shall be
10 the maximum amount which can be appropriated for all purposes from
11 any such fund for the fiscal year being certified.

12 3. The State Board of Equalization shall meet within five (5)
13 days after the monthly apportionment in February of each year, and
14 at that time may adjust the certification, based upon the most
15 current information available, and determine the amount of funds
16 available for appropriation for that legislative session. At said
17 meeting the Board shall determine the limit on the growth of
18 appropriations as provided for in this section.

19 4. Surplus funds or monies shall be any amount accruing to the
20 General Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma over and above the
21 itemized estimate made by the State Board of Equalization.

22 5. All such surplus funds or monies shall be placed in a
23 Constitutional Reserve Fund by the State Treasurer until such time
24 that the amount of said Fund equals fifteen percent (15%) of the

1 General Revenue Fund certification for the preceding fiscal year.
2 Appropriations made from said Fund shall be considered special
3 appropriations.

4 6. a. Up to three-eighths (3/8) of the balance at the
5 beginning of the current fiscal year in the
6 Constitutional Reserve Fund may be appropriated for
7 the forthcoming fiscal year, when the certification by
8 the State Board of Equalization for said forthcoming
9 fiscal year General Revenue Fund is less than that of
10 the current fiscal year certification. In no event
11 shall the amount of monies appropriated from the
12 Constitutional Reserve Fund be in excess of the
13 difference between the two said certifications.

14 b. (1) In years when the provisions of subparagraph a of
15 this paragraph are not applicable and the balance
16 at the beginning of the current fiscal year in
17 the Constitutional Reserve Fund is equal to or
18 greater than Eighty Million Dollars
19 (\$80,000,000.00), up to Ten Million Dollars
20 (\$10,000,000.00) may be expended for the purpose
21 of providing incentives to support retention of
22 at-risk manufacturing establishments in this
23 state in order to retain employment for residents
24 of this state. Such incentives shall be paid by

1 the Oklahoma Tax Commission upon a unanimous
2 finding by the Governor, ~~the Speaker of the House~~
3 ~~of Representatives~~ and the President Pro Tempore
4 of the Senate that:

5 (a) such incentives have been recommended by an
6 independent committee created by the
7 Legislature for such purposes as provided
8 herein pursuant to criteria set out by law,

9 (b) the incentive will result in a substantial
10 benefit to this state, and

11 (c) payment of the incentive would be in
12 accordance with the provisions of this
13 subparagraph and laws enacted to implement
14 provisions of this subparagraph.

15 (2) The independent committee will be composed of not
16 less than seven (7) people appointed or otherwise
17 determined pursuant to laws enacted by the
18 Legislature providing for membership on the
19 committee. The committee shall make
20 recommendations to the Governor, ~~the Speaker of~~
21 ~~the House of Representatives~~ and the President
22 Pro Tempore of the Senate for the awarding of
23 incentives. Such recommendations shall give
24 priority to establishments which:

1 (a) are at greater risk of losing jobs because
2 the plant is no longer competitive or
3 leaving the state and thereby causing the
4 loss of more employment in this state than
5 other eligible recipients, and

6 (b) provide the largest economic impact to the
7 state.

8 (3) For any fiscal year, the incentives shall not
9 exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount invested
10 by an establishment in capital assets to be
11 utilized in this state. Incentives may only be
12 paid pursuant to an investment contract between
13 the establishment and a state agency designated
14 by law, which provides for a specified amount of
15 investment in a capital asset to be made by the
16 establishment over a period of not to exceed five
17 (5) years. No incentive payment shall be made
18 prior to the actual investment by the
19 establishment. The contract shall make payment
20 of any incentives in any fiscal year contingent
21 on the balance at the beginning of such fiscal
22 year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund being
23 equal to or greater than Eighty Million Dollars
24 (\$80,000,000.00) and on the certification by the

1 State Board of Equalization for such fiscal year
2 of the amount available for appropriation from
3 the General Revenue Fund being greater than the
4 amount certified for the preceding fiscal year.
5 Investment contracts authorized by this
6 subparagraph shall provide that if any incentive
7 payment is payable during a fiscal year in which
8 either the balance at the beginning of the fiscal
9 year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund is not
10 equal to or greater than Eighty Million Dollars
11 (\$80,000,000.00) or when the certification by the
12 State Board of Equalization for such fiscal year
13 General Revenue Fund is less than that of the
14 immediately prior fiscal year certification, then
15 any incentive payments which would have been
16 payable during such fiscal year shall be payable
17 in the first fiscal year when funds are available
18 pursuant to the provisions of division (1) of
19 this subparagraph. In the event that the amount
20 of incentives payable under investment contracts
21 authorized by this subparagraph is greater than
22 the amounts available for payment under this
23 subparagraph in a fiscal year, then no new
24 contracts may be authorized during such year and

1 incentive payments which are made shall be
2 reduced pro rata as necessary to apply all
3 available funds to incentive payments which are
4 payable in such year.

5 (4) The Legislature is authorized to enact laws
6 necessary to implement the provisions of this
7 section.

8 7. Up to three-eighths (3/8) of the balance at the beginning of
9 the current fiscal year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund may be
10 appropriated for the current fiscal year if the State Board of
11 Equalization determines that a revenue failure has occurred with
12 respect to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury. In no
13 event shall the amount of monies appropriated from the
14 Constitutional Reserve Fund pursuant to this paragraph be in excess
15 of the amount of the projected revenue failure in the General
16 Revenue Fund, which total amount shall be computed by the State
17 Board of Equalization, for the entire fiscal year. Monies
18 appropriated to any state governmental entity from the
19 Constitutional Reserve Fund pursuant to this paragraph may only be
20 made in order to ensure that the monies actually received by the
21 entity for the then current fiscal year are equal to or less than,
22 but not in excess of, the total appropriation amount for such entity
23 in effect at the beginning of the then current fiscal year.

1 8. Up to one-quarter (1/4) of the balance at the beginning of
2 the current fiscal year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund may be
3 appropriated, upon a declaration by the Governor that emergency
4 conditions exist, with concurrence of the Legislature by a two-
5 thirds (2/3) vote of the ~~House of Representatives and Senate~~
6 Legislature for the appropriation; or ~~said~~ one-quarter (1/4) could
7 be appropriated upon a ~~joint~~ declaration of emergency conditions by
8 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro~~
9 ~~Tempore of the Senate~~ Legislature, with a concurrence of a three-
10 fourths (3/4) vote of the ~~House of Representatives and Senate~~
11 Legislature.

12 9. That portion of every appropriation, at the end of each
13 fiscal year, in excess of actual revenues collected and allocated
14 thereto, as hereinafter provided, shall be null and void. Revenues
15 deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue
16 Fund or of any special fund (which derives its revenue in whole or
17 in part from state taxes or fees) shall, except as to principal and
18 interest on the public debt, be allocated monthly to each
19 department, institution, board, commission or special appropriation
20 on a percentage basis, in that ratio that the total appropriation
21 for such department, institution, board, commission or special
22 appropriation from each fund for that fiscal year bears to the total
23 of all appropriations from each fund for that fiscal year, and no
24 warrant shall be issued in excess of said allocation. Any

1 department, institution or agency of the state operating on revenues
2 derived from any law or laws which allocate the revenues thereof to
3 such department, institution or agency shall not incur obligations
4 in excess of the unencumbered balance of cash on hand. Nothing in
5 this section shall prevent, under such conditions and limitations as
6 shall be prescribed by law, the governing board of an institution of
7 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
8 Education from contracting with a president of such institution of
9 higher education for periods extending more than one (1) year, but
10 not to exceed three (3) years beyond the fiscal year in which the
11 contract is signed.

12 10. The Legislature shall provide a method whereby
13 appropriations shall be divided and set up on a monthly, quarterly
14 or semiannual basis within each fiscal year to prevent obligations
15 being incurred in excess of the revenue to be collected, and
16 notwithstanding other provisions of this Constitution, the
17 Legislature shall provide that all appropriations shall be reduced
18 to bring them within revenues actually collected, but all such
19 reductions shall apply to each department, institution, board,
20 commission or special appropriation made by the State Legislature in
21 the ratio that its total appropriation for that fiscal year bears to
22 the total of all appropriations from that fund for that fiscal year;
23 provided, however, that the Governor shall have discretion to issue
24 deficiency certificates to the State Treasurer for the benefit of

1 any department, institution or agency of the state, if the amount of
2 such deficiency certificates be within the limit of the current
3 appropriation for that department, institution or agency, whereupon
4 the State Treasurer shall issue warrants to the extent of such
5 certificates for the payment of such claims as may be authorized by
6 the Governor, and such warrants shall become a part of the public
7 debt and shall be paid out of any money appropriated by the
8 Legislature and made lawfully available therefor; provided further,
9 that in no event shall said deficiency certificates exceed in the
10 aggregate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in
11 any fiscal year.

12 Article XXIV, Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this
13 Constitution may be proposed in ~~either branch of~~ the Legislature,
14 and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members
15 elected to ~~each of the two (2) houses~~ the Legislature, such proposed
16 amendment or amendments shall, with the yeas and nays thereon, be
17 entered in ~~their journals~~ the Journal and referred by the Secretary
18 of State to the people for their approval or rejection, at the next
19 regular general election, except when the Legislature, by a two-
20 thirds (2/3) vote ~~of each house~~, shall order a special election for
21 that purpose. If a majority of all the electors voting on any
22 proposed amendment at such election shall vote in favor thereof, it
23 shall thereby become a part of this Constitution.

24

1 No proposal for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution
2 which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general
3 subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each
4 proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of
5 proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which
6 embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a
7 single proposal or proposition.

8 SECTION 2. REPEALER The Secretary of State shall refer
9 to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner
10 provided by law, the proposed repeal of Sections 10A and 29 of
11 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

12 SECTION 3. The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this
13 resolution shall become effective November 15, 2026.

14 SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
15 amendment as set forth in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of this resolution shall
16 be in the following form:

17 BALLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends various sections of Articles V, VI, VIII, X
21 and XXIV of the Oklahoma Constitution. Under current law, the
22 legislative authority of the state is vested in the Senate and
23 the House of Representatives. This measure would vest this
24 authority in one house only, consisting of 48 legislators.

Qualifications would be the same as for senators under current law. Procedures for legislative operations are changed to provide for one house only. References to the House of Representatives and its leadership are deleted. Two sections of law in Article V referring to the House of Representatives are repealed. The provisions would become effective November 15, 2026.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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