

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1062

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A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by repealing Section 5 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, which relates to use of public money or property for sectarian purposes and by adding a new Section 5A to Article II; prohibiting the state from enacting certain laws or rendering certain decisions; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE 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 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma repealing Section 5 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution and adding a new Section 5A to Article II thereof, to read as follows:

1       Section 5A. The state shall make no law nor render any decision  
2       respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free  
3       exercise thereof.

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

7                               BALLOT TITLE

8       Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

9       THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

10       This measure repeals the section of the Oklahoma Constitution  
11       known as the Blaine Amendment. This section provides that  
12       public money or property cannot be used directly or indirectly  
13       for any sect, church, denomination, or system of religion. This  
14       measure also adds a new section to the Oklahoma Constitution  
15       which prohibits the state from making laws or decisions  
16       respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free  
17       exercise of religion.

18       SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19       FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

20       AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

21       SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
22       immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and  
23       file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in  
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1 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
2 Attorney General.

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