

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Bingman and Holt of the  
Senate

and

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[ proposed amendment - Constitution of the State of  
Oklahoma - legislative sessions - ballot title -  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
1ST 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 26 of Article V of the  
Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 26. A. The Legislature shall meet in regular session  
at the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday  
in February of each year and the regular session shall be finally

1 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last  
2 Friday in May of each year.

3 B. The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the  
4 seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
5 January of each odd numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon  
6 for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by  
7 Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant  
8 to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not later than  
9 five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday  
10 in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

11 C. During each even-numbered year, the Legislature shall only  
12 consider carry-over measures from the preceding odd-numbered year,  
13 measures related to budgetary or revenue and financial matters,  
14 measures disapproving or approving agency rules, measures  
15 disapproving or approving standards adopted by the State Board of  
16 Education, measures disapproving, repealing or modifying rules of  
17 the Ethics Commission, measures introduced for the purposes of  
18 incorporating and merging different versions of statutes amended in  
19 more than one measure at the same or different sessions of the  
20 Legislature, and measures authored by the President Pro Tempore of  
21 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which are  
22 deemed by them to be necessary for the preservation of public peace,  
23 health or safety. The Legislature shall not meet for more than  
24 forty-five (45) legislative days during an even-numbered year.

D. The changes made to this section pursuant to this amendment  
shall become effective January 1, 2017.

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

## BALLOT TITLE

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

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 26 of Article 5. It would limit the types of measures that could be considered in the even-numbered year of a Legislature. It would allow carry-over measures from the previous year, budgetary measures, measures dealing with agency rules, measures merging duplicate versions of laws, and certain measures necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or safety. It would also limit sessions during even-numbered years to not more than forty-five (45) legislative days.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO

SECTION 3. 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 2

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

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