

1 ENGROSSED FOR  
2 SENATE JOINT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Bingman and Holt of the  
Senate

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7 [ Joint Resolution - proposed amendment - consider  
8 certain types of measures during even-numbered years  
9 - effective date - ballot title - filing ]  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
14 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
15 the following proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the  
16 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

17 Section 26. A. The Legislature shall meet in regular session  
18 at the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday  
19 in February of each year and the regular session shall be finally  
20 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last  
21 Friday in May of each year.

22 B. The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the  
23 seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
24 January of each odd-numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon

1 for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by  
2 Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant  
3 to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not later than  
4 five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday  
5 in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

6 C. In a regular session in any year, the Legislature may  
7 consider:

8 1. Measures for the appropriation of revenue to fund the  
9 expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of  
10 the state and for the payment of interest on the public debt;

11 2. Measures affecting the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of  
12 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state  
13 law;

14 3. Measures providing for a reduction in revenues or for  
15 additional revenues; and

16 4. Measures relating to administrative rules promulgated by  
17 state agencies as provided by law.

18 D. In a regular session in an odd-numbered year, in addition to  
19 those measures specified in subsection C of this section, the  
20 Legislature may consider any other measures as may be authorized by  
21 law or rules of the respective chambers of the Legislature.

22 E. In a regular session in an even-numbered year, in addition  
23 to those measures specified in subsection C of this section, upon an  
24 affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members

1 elected to each House of the Legislature, the Legislature may  
2 consider any other measures as may be authorized by law or rules of  
3 the respective chambers of the Legislature.

4 F. The provisions of this section shall not restrict the  
5 Legislature at any time from considering measures other than bills  
6 and joint resolutions or from considering any other matter that may  
7 come before it, or either house thereof, as provided by law or rules  
8 of the respective chambers of the Legislature. The changes made to  
9 this section pursuant to this amendment shall become effective  
10 January 1, 2017.

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

14 BALLOT TITLE

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

16 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

17 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends  
18 Section 26 of Article 5. It would allow the Legislature to  
19 consider measures affecting the budget, revenues or agency  
20 administrative rules every year. The Legislature could consider  
21 all other types of measures in odd-numbered years. The  
22 Legislature, by 2/3 vote of each chamber, could consider all  
23 other types of measures in even-numbered years. These  
24 restrictions would apply to regular sessions. These

1 restrictions would not apply to measures other than bills or  
2 joint resolutions or other matters. This amendment would become  
3 effective on January 1, 2017.

4 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

5 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

6 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

7 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate, immediately after the  
8 passage of this resolution, shall prepare and file one copy thereof,  
9 including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the  
10 Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

11 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2015.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate

15 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 2015.

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