

ENGROSSED HOUSE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1012

By: Biggs, Murdock, Pfeiffer,
Park, Newell and Denney of
the House

and

Smalley of the Senate

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 adding a new Section 38 to Article II; guaranteeing the right to engage in certain farming and ranching practices; prohibiting Legislature from passing certain laws; providing for interpretation; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE 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 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 38 to Article II thereof, to read as follows:

Section 38. To protect agriculture as a vital sector of Oklahoma's economy, which provides food, energy, health benefits, and security and is the foundation and stabilizing force of

1 Oklahoma's economy, the rights of citizens and lawful residents of
2 Oklahoma to engage in farming and ranching practices shall be
3 forever guaranteed in this state. The Legislature shall pass no law
4 which abridges the right of citizens and lawful residents of
5 Oklahoma to employ agricultural technology and livestock production
6 and ranching practices without a compelling state interest.

7 Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify any
8 provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass, eminent
9 domain, or any other property rights.

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

13 BALLOT TITLE

14 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

16 This measure adds a new section of law to the State
17 Constitution. It adds Section 38 to Article 2. It protects the
18 rights of citizens and lawful residents of Oklahoma to engage in
19 farming and ranching practices. It prohibits the Legislature
20 from passing laws that would take away the right to employ
21 agricultural technology and livestock production without a
22 compelling state interest. It provides for interpretation of
23 the section.

24 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

8 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2015.

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11 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

12 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2015.

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