

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE JOINT
7 RESOLUTION NO. 1062

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
23 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

24 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
25 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
26 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
27 Oklahoma repealing Section 5 of Article II of the Oklahoma
28 Constitution and adding a new Section 5A to Article II thereof, to
29 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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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/11/2016 - DO PASS,
5 As Amended.
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