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February 11, 2015

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Bingman and Holt

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; restricting ability of Legislature to consider certain types of measures during even-numbered years; authorizing consideration of certain types of measures during even-numbered years based upon certain vote; providing an effective date; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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

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

9 C. During each year, the Legislature may consider measures for
10 the appropriation of revenue to fund the expenses of the executive,
11 legislative, and judicial departments of the state, for the payment
12 of interest on the public debt, and such other appropriations as may
13 be authorized by the Oklahoma Constitution.

14 D. During each odd-numbered year, the Legislature may consider
15 measures for the enactment of new law, the amendment or repeal of
16 existing law, referenda for modifications to the Oklahoma
17 Constitution, and such measures not having the force or effect of
18 law as may be provided by the rules of the respective chambers of
19 the Legislature.

20 E. Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members
21 of each chamber of the Legislature, the types of measures enumerated
22 in subsection D of this section may be introduced and considered
23 during an even-numbered year.

F. 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 allow the Legislature to prepare the budget every year. The Legislature could consider all other types of legislation in odd-numbered years. The Legislature, by 2/3 vote of each chamber, could consider nonappropriation measures in even-numbered years. This amendment would become effective on January 1, 2017.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
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