

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 12

By: Holt

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

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

C. In an even-numbered year, the Legislature may not consider any measure for the enactment of new law, the amendment or repeal of existing law or referenda for modifications to the Oklahoma Constitution or Statutes, except as necessary for the appropriation of revenue as authorized by the Oklahoma Constitution or as provided in subsection D of this section.

D. Upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of each chamber of the Legislature, the types of measures enumerated in subsection C of this section may be introduced and considered during an even-numbered year.

E. 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 prohibit the Legislature from considering nonappropriation legislation in even-numbered years. The Legislature, by 3/4 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.

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