

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 13

By: Holt

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying percentages of voters needed to propose certain measures; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and ~~eight~~ two per centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose any legislative measure, and ~~fifteen~~ ten per centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution by petition, and every such petition

1 shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. The second  
2 power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws  
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
4 health, or safety), either by petition signed by ~~five~~ two per centum  
5 of the legal voters or by the Legislature as other bills are  
6 enacted. The ratio and per centum of legal voters hereinbefore  
7 stated shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the  
8 last general election for the Office of Governor.

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

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

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure amends Section 2 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma  
16 Constitution. It lowers the percentage of voters needed to  
17 propose an initiative, amendments to the Constitution by  
18 petition or a referendum.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

22 SECTION 3. SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
23 shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and  
24 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in

1 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
2 Attorney General.

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