

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 2

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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 10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; raising maximum property tax increase for purpose of school district building fund; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH 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 10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

SECTION X-10

A. For the purpose of erecting public buildings in counties or cities, or for the purpose of raising money for a building fund for a school district which may be used for erecting, remodeling or repairing school buildings, and for purchasing furniture, the rates of taxation herein limited may be increased, when the rate of such

1 increase and the purpose for which it is intended shall have been
2 submitted to a vote of the people, and a majority of the qualified
3 voters of such county, city, or school district, voting at such
4 election, shall vote therefor: Provided, that such increase shall
5 not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the
6 taxable property in such county, or city, or ; and for a school
7 district, such increase shall not exceed ten (10) mills on the
8 dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in such school
9 district.

10 B. A school district may upon approval by a majority of the
11 electors of the district voting on the question make the ad valorem
12 levy for a building fund under subsection A of this section
13 permanent. If the question is approved, the levy in the amount
14 approved as required by this section, shall be made each fiscal year
15 thereafter until such time as a majority of the electors of the
16 district voting on the question rescind the making of the levy
17 permanent. An election on such question shall be held at such time
18 as a petition is signed by ten percent (10%) of the school district
19 electors or a recommendation by the board of education of the school
20 district is made asking that the levies be made each fiscal year.

21 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
22 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this act shall be in the
23 following form:

24 BALLOT TITLE

1 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

2 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

3 This measure amends Section 10 of Article 10 of the State
4 Constitution. Under current law there is a five mill limit on
5 the amount property tax may be increased for certain purposes
6 with voter approval. For school districts, that purpose
7 includes raising money for a building fund. This measure would
8 increase the limit from five to ten mills for school districts.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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