

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 20

By: Griffin

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 26 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; 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 II of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 26. A. The fundamental right of each individual a citizen to keep and to bear arms, including handguns, rifles, shotguns, knives, nonlethal defensive weapons, and other arms in common use, as well as ammunition and the components of arms and ammunition, for security, self-defense, lawful hunting and recreation, in aid of the civil power when lawfully summoned or for any other legitimate purpose shall never be prohibited; but nothing

1 ~~herein contained shall prevent the Legislature from regulating the~~
2 ~~carrying of weapons~~ not be infringed. Any regulation of this right
3 shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the State of Oklahoma shall
4 be obligated to uphold these rights and shall under no circumstance
5 decline to protect against their infringement.

6 B. This section shall not prevent the Legislature from
7 prohibiting the possession of arms by convicted felons, those
8 adjudicated as mentally incompetent or those who have been
9 involuntarily committed in any mental institution.

10 C. No law shall impose registration or special taxation upon
11 the keeping of arms, including the acquisition, ownership,
12 possession or the transfer of arms, ammunition or the components of
13 arms or ammunition.

14 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
15 amendment as set forth in SECTION 2 of this resolution shall be in
16 the following form:

17 BALLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends Section 26 of Article 2 of the State
21 Constitution. This section relates to the right to keep and
22 bear arms. It would state that the right to keep and bear arms
23 shall not be infringed and that the regulations by the state on
24 the right to keep and bear arms would be subject to strict

1 scrutiny. The Legislature may prohibit the possession of arms
2 by convicted felons, those adjudicated as mentally incompetent
3 and those involuntarily committed in mental institutions. This
4 section would prohibit laws requiring registration or special
5 taxation of arms.

6 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

7 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

8 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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