

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

HOUSE BILL 1159

By: Montgomery

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to initiative and referendum;  
amending 34 O.S. 2011, Sections 1 and 2, which relate  
to referendum and initiative petition forms;  
modifying time limit for filing; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 34 O.S. 2011, Section 1, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The referendum petition shall be substantially as  
follows:

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Governor of Oklahoma (or To the  
Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor, Chairman of County Commissioners, or  
other chief executive officer, as the case may be, of the city,  
county or other municipal corporation of \_\_\_\_\_):

We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma (or  
district of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, or city of  
\_\_\_\_\_, as the case may be), respectfully order that Senate

1 (or House) Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_),  
2 entitled (title of Act, and if the petition is against less than the  
3 whole Act, then set forth here the part or parts on which the  
4 referendum is sought), passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ Legislature of the  
5 State of Oklahoma, at the regular (or special) session of said  
6 legislature, shall be referred to the people of the State (district  
7 of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, or city of \_\_\_\_\_, as  
8 the case may be) for their approval or rejection at the regular (or  
9 special) election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, ~~19~~  
10 20, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this  
11 petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma (and district  
12 of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, or city of \_\_\_\_\_, as  
13 the case may be); my residence or post office are correctly written  
14 after my name.

15 Referendum petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of State  
16 not more than ~~ninety~~ one hundred fifty days after the final  
17 adjournment of the session of the legislature which passed the bill  
18 on which the referendum is demanded. (For county, city or other  
19 municipality the length of time shall be thirty days.)

20 The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall  
21 the following bill of the legislature (or ordinance or resolution--  
22 local legislation) be approved? (Insert here an exact copy of the  
23 title and text of the measure.)

24 Name and Address of Proponents (not to exceed three)

1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_

2 If in city, street and number.

3 (Here follow twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 34 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 2. The form of initiative petition shall be  
7 substantially as follows:

8 INITIATIVE PETITION

9 To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Governor of Oklahoma (or To the  
10 Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor, Chairman of County Commissioners,  
11 or other chief executive officers, as the case may be, for the city,  
12 county or other municipality): We, the undersigned legal voters of  
13 the State of Oklahoma (and of the district of \_\_\_\_\_,  
14 county of \_\_\_\_\_, or city of \_\_\_\_\_, as the case  
15 may be), respectfully order that the following proposed law (or  
16 amendment to the constitution, ordinance, or amendment to the city  
17 charter, as the case may be) shall be submitted to the legal voters  
18 of the State of Oklahoma (or of the district of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19 county of \_\_\_\_\_, or city of \_\_\_\_\_, as the case may  
20 be) for their approval or rejection at the regular general election  
21 (or regular or special city election), to be held on the \_\_\_\_ day  
22 of \_\_\_\_\_, ~~19~~ 20\_\_, and each for himself says: I have personally  
23 signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma  
24 (and of the district of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_,

1 city of \_\_\_\_\_, as the case may be); my residence or post  
2 office are correctly written after my name. The time for filing  
3 this petition expires ~~ninety~~ one hundred fifty days from (insert  
4 date when petition is to be opened for signatures). (This for State  
5 initiative. For county, city, or other municipality the length of  
6 time shall be ~~ninety~~ one hundred fifty days.) The question we  
7 herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following bill  
8 (or proposed amendment to the Constitution or resolution) be  
9 approved? (Insert here an exact copy of the title and text of the  
10 measure.)

11 Name and Address of Proponents (not to exceed three)

12 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_

13 If in the city, street and number.

14 (Here follow twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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