

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1007

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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 17A of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying legislative term limits for members initially elected beginning with certain elections; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE 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 17A of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 17A. Any member of the Legislature who is elected to office after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ January 1, 1991, shall be eligible to serve no more than 12 years in the Oklahoma State Legislature; provided any member who is elected to office for the first time on or after the elections held in 2018 shall be eligible to serve no more than 16 years. Years in Legislative

1 office need not be consecutive and years of service in both the  
2 Senate and the House of Representatives shall be added together and  
3 included in determining the total number of Legislative years in  
4 office. The years served by any member elected or appointed to  
5 serve less than a full Legislative term to fill a vacancy in office  
6 shall not be included in the ~~12-year~~ limitation set forth herein;  
7 but no member who has completed ~~12~~ the maximum number of years in  
8 office set forth herein shall thereafter be eligible to serve a  
9 partial term. Any member who is serving a Legislative term in  
10 office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in  
11 office on ~~the effective date hereof~~ January 1, 1991, shall be  
12 entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve  
13 an additional 12 years thereafter. ~~This~~ The amendment to this  
14 section shall be effective on the 1st day of the year following its  
15 adoption.

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

19 BALLOT TITLE

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

21 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

22 This measure amends the section of the Constitution that  
23 provides term limits for members of the State Legislature. The  
24 change would only affect members who were elected to office for

1 the first time in the 2018 elections. Their term limit would be  
2 changed from 12 years to 16 years. All other members of the  
3 State Legislature would continue to have a twelve-year term  
4 limit.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

8 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
9 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and  
10 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in  
11 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
12 Attorney General.

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