

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1065

By: Jordan

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 4 of Article VII-B of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; requiring the Judicial Nominating Commission submit to the Governor the names of all qualified candidates for a vacant judicial office; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
2ND 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 4 of Article VII-B of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 4. When a vacancy in any Judicial Office, however arising, occurs or is certain to occur, the Judicial Nominating Commission shall choose and submit to the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court ~~three (3)~~ a list of all qualified

1 nominees, each of whom has previously notified the Commission in
2 writing that he or she will serve as a Judicial Officer if
3 appointed. The Governor shall appoint one (1) of the nominees to
4 fill the vacancy, but if he or she fails to do so within sixty (60)
5 days the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one (1) of
6 the nominees, the appointment to be certified by the Secretary of
7 State.

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

11 BALLOT TITLE

12 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

13 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

14 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It requires the
15 Judicial Nominating Commission to submit a list of all qualified
16 nominees for judicial office to the Governor. The Governor must
17 select a judicial officer from that list of names. Currently
18 the Commission submits a list of three names.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

22 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
24 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in

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

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