

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE JOINT
7 RESOLUTION NO. 1050

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10 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
11 to refer to the people for their approval or
12 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 33 of
13 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
14 Oklahoma; modifying voting requirement with respect
15 to revenue measure; providing ballot title; and
16 directing filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
18 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
20 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
21 the following proposed amendment to Section 33 of Article V of the
22 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

23 Section 33. A. All bills for raising revenue shall originate
24 in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose amendments
to revenue bills.

1 B. No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of
2 the session.

3 C. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
4 shall not become effective until it has been referred to the people
5 of the state at the next general election held throughout the state
6 and shall become effective and be in force when it has been approved
7 by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election and
8 not otherwise, except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this
9 section.

10 D. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
11 may become law without being submitted to a vote of the people of
12 the state if such bill receives the approval of ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~
13 two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the House of Representatives
14 and ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the
15 Senate and is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action. Any
16 such revenue bill shall not be subject to the emergency measure
17 provision authorized in Section 58 of this Article and shall not
18 become effective and be in force until ninety days after it has been
19 approved by the Legislature, and acted on by the Governor.

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

23 BALLOT TITLE

24 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

1 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

2 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
3 Section 33 of Article 5. This section governs the way in which
4 revenue raising bills are considered in a session of the
5 Legislature. Under current law, if three-fourths (3/4) of the
6 members of each chamber of the Legislature vote to approve a
7 revenue-raising measure, that measure does not have to be
8 submitted to a vote of the people for their approval. This
9 measure would reduce the three-fourths (3/4) requirement to two-
10 thirds (2/3). If the amendment is adopted, the current voting
11 requirement would be reduced from seventy-five percent (75%) to
12 sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%). For the Oklahoma
13 House of Representatives this means the number of votes required
14 for approval without submitting the question to a vote of the
15 people would change from 76 votes to 68 votes. For the Oklahoma
16 State Senate this means the number of votes required for
17 approval without submitting the question to a vote of the people
18 would change from 36 votes to 32 votes.

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

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

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/05/2018 - DO PASS,
5 As Amended and Coauthored.

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