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February 22, 2017

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 40

By: Treat

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 57 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; clarifying modification of the Constitution using one general subject; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH 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 57 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 57.

~~Every act of the Legislature shall embrace but one subject,~~
~~which shall be clearly expressed in its title~~ No proposal for the
amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall embrace more than
one general subject, except general appropriation bills, general
revenue bills, and bills adopting a code, digest, or revision of
statutes; and no law shall be revived, amended, or the provisions

1 thereof extended or conferred, by reference to its title only; but
2 so much thereof as is revived, amended, extended, or conferred shall
3 be re-enacted and published at length: Provided, That if any
4 subject be embraced in any act contrary to the provisions of this
5 section, such act shall be void only as to so much of the laws as
6 may not be expressed in the title thereof.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

11 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure amends Section 57 in Article 5 of the Oklahoma
14 Constitution. The change clarifies how the Constitution may be
15 modified under one general subject.

16 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

17 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

18 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
4 February 22, 2017 - DO PASS
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