

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 14

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
8 to refer to the people for their approval or  
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of  
10 Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution;  
increasing amount of votes necessary to retain  
certain officers; providing ballot title; and  
directing filing.

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13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
16 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
17 the following proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article VII-B of  
18 the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

19 Section 2. At the general election next before his term  
20 expires, any Judicial Officer may seek retention in office by filing  
21 with the Secretary of State, not less than sixty (60) days before  
22 the date of such election, a declaration of candidacy to succeed  
23 himself. Thereupon, at such election, there shall be submitted to  
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1 the qualified electors of the State, on a separate ballot, without  
2 party designation, this question:

3 "Shall (Here insert name of Justice or Judge) of (Here  
4 insert the title of the court) be retained in Office?

5 ☐ YES

6 ☐ NO

7 The question shall be decided by ~~a majority~~ sixty percent (60%)  
8 of those voting thereon. If the decision is "yes" the Judicial  
9 Officer shall be retained in office for the next ensuing six (6)  
10 year term. If the decision is "no", or if no declaration of  
11 candidacy is filed, the office shall be vacant upon expiration of  
12 the term then being served, and the former Judicial Officer shall  
13 not be eligible for appointment to succeed himself. Retention in  
14 office may be sought for successive terms without limit as to  
15 number, except for retirement as may be provided by the Legislature  
16 for a maximum retirement age.

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

20 BALLOT TITLE

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

22 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
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1 This measure amends Section 2 of Article 7-B of the Oklahoma  
2 Constitution. It increases to 60% the amount of votes needed to  
3 retain a judge in office.

4 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

5 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

6 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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