

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 22

By: Holt

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection proposed amendments to Sections 1 and 4 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, which relate to executive officers; directing the Governor to appoint the Commissioner of Labor; providing procedures; 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 Sections 1 and 4 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Insurance and other officers provided by law and this Constitution, each of whom shall keep his or her office and

1 public records, books and papers at the seat of government, and
2 shall perform such duties as may be designated in this Constitution
3 or prescribed by law.

4 B. The Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor by
5 and with the consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years to
6 run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

7 C. Upon expiration of the term of the Commissioner of Labor
8 elected in 2018, the Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the
9 Governor by and with the consent of the Senate and shall serve at
10 the pleasure of the Governor.

11 Section 4. A. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
12 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
13 Treasurer, ~~Commissioner of Labor~~ and Superintendent of Public
14 Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
15 January next after their election. The ~~said~~ officers shall be
16 eligible to immediately succeed themselves except as otherwise
17 provided in this section.

18 B. 1. No person shall be eligible to serve as Governor for a
19 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
20 consecutive. Any years served by a person serving as Governor for
21 less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office shall not be
22 included in the eight-year limitation set forth herein.

23 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, any person
24 serving as Governor ~~at the time of passage of this amendment on~~ on

1 November 2, 2010, shall be eligible to complete the term of office
2 to which he or she was elected but shall not be eligible to serve as
3 Governor for a period of time in excess of eight (8) years,
4 excluding years served for less than a full term to fill a vacancy
5 in such office. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply
6 regardless of whether such years were served prior to or after
7 passage of this amendment.

8 C. No person shall be eligible to serve as Lieutenant Governor,
9 State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
10 Commissioner of Labor or Superintendent of Public Instruction for a
11 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
12 consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to
13 serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in any such office
14 shall not be included in the limitations set forth herein. Any
15 person serving in such position ~~at the time of passage of this~~
16 ~~amendment~~ on November 2, 2010, shall be eligible to complete the
17 term for which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to
18 serve an additional eight (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the
19 provisions of this amendment.

20 D. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
21 implement the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.

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

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Sections 1 and 4 of Article 6. It directs the Governor to appoint the Commissioner of Labor by and with the consent of the Senate. The appointment would be at the pleasure of the Governor. The first appointment would be made upon expiration of the term of the person elected in 2018.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and 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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