

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 34

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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 Article I of the
10 Oklahoma Constitution, by adding a new section;
11 requiring persons appearing to vote to announce name
and provide proof of identity; defining term;
providing exception; granting certain authority to
Legislature; 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 the Oklahoma Constitution by
18 adding a new Section 8 to Article I to read as follows:

19 Section 8. A. Each person appearing to vote shall announce
20 that person's name to the appropriate election official and shall
21 provide proof of identity, whereupon the official shall determine
22 whether the person's name is in the precinct registry. As used in
23 this section, "proof of identity" shall mean a document that
24 satisfies all of the following:

1 1. The document shows the name of the person to whom the
2 document was issued, and the name substantially conforms to the name
3 in the precinct registry;

4 2. The document shows a photograph of the person to whom the
5 document was issued;

6 3. The document includes an expiration date, which is on or
7 after the date of the election in which the person is appearing to
8 vote. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to:

9 a. an identification card that is valid indefinitely, or

10 b. an identification card issued by a branch of the armed
11 services of the United States to a person who is a
12 member of such branch or is retired therefrom; and

13 4. The document was issued by the United States, the State of
14 Oklahoma or the government of a federally recognized Indian tribe or
15 nation.

16 Provided, if the person presents a voter identification card
17 issued by the appropriate county election board, such card may serve
18 as proof of identity without meeting the requirements of paragraphs
19 2 and 3 of this subsection.

20 B. The Legislature shall have the authority to designate
21 additional forms of proof of identity by law and shall enact such
22 other laws as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this
23 section.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

5 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure would enact a new Section 8 in Article 1 of the
8 Oklahoma Constitution. It would require each person appearing
9 to vote to announce his or her name to an election official and
10 provide proof of identity. Certain requirements for proof of
11 identity would be specified. A voter identification card issued
12 by the county election board would also serve as proof of
13 identity. The Legislature would enact laws to implement the
14 provisions of the new section.

15 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

16 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

17 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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