

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 42

By: Sykes

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Oklahoma Constitution; requiring partisan elections for certain judicial officers; 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 3 of Article VII of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 3. From each of the Supreme Court districts and Court of Criminal Appeals districts, the voters thereof shall elect a Justice of the Supreme Court and a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals at a ~~non-partisan~~ partisan election, in a manner provided by statute. In the event intermediate appellate courts are created,

1 the judges thereof shall be elected at a ~~non-partisan~~ partisan  
2 election, in a manner provided by statute. In the event of a  
3 vacancy the Governor shall, by appointment from said district, fill  
4 such vacancy until the next election for State Officers, and at such  
5 election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by a  
6 ~~non-partisan~~ partisan election in a manner provided by statute.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

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

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure would amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Oklahoma  
14 Constitution. It would require Supreme Court justices and Court  
15 of Criminal Appeals judges to be elected in partisan elections.  
16 It would require intermediate appellate judges to be elected in  
17 partisan elections.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

21 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
22 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
23 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.

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