

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 52

By: Paxton of the Senate

5 and

6 Hilbert of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
10 to refer to the people for their approval or
11 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 33 of
12 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying
13 requirement for approval of certain measures;
14 establishing new requirement for approval of certain
15 measures; providing ballot title; and directing
16 filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
20 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
21 the following proposed amendment to Section 33 of Article V of the
22 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

23 Section 33. A. All bills for raising revenue shall originate
24 in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose amendments
to revenue bills.

1 B. No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of
2 the session.

3 C. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
4 shall not become effective until it has been referred to the people
5 of the state at the next general election held throughout the state
6 and shall become effective and be in force when it has been approved
7 by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election and
8 not otherwise, except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this
9 section.

10 D. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
11 may become law without being submitted to a vote of the people of
12 the state if such bill receives the approval of ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~
13 sixty percent (60%) of the membership of the House of
14 Representatives and ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ sixty percent (60%) of the
15 membership of the Senate and is submitted to the Governor for
16 appropriate action. Any such revenue bill shall not be subject to
17 the emergency measure provision authorized in Section 58 of this
18 Article and shall not become effective and be in force until ninety
19 days after it has been approved by the Legislature, and acted on by
20 the Governor.

21 E. Any bill to lower a tax rate through legislative enactment
22 shall not be subject to subsections A through D of this section but
23 shall only become law if such bill receives the approval of sixty
24 percent (60%) of the membership of the House of Representatives and

1 sixty percent (60%) of the membership of the Senate and is submitted
2 to the Governor for appropriate action.

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

6 BALLOT TITLE

7 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure amends Section 33 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma
10 Constitution. The section sets out certain requirements for
11 bills for raising revenue for the support of state government.
12 Under current law, a revenue bill must be approved by three-
13 fourths (3/4ths) of the membership of the House and the Senate.
14 This would change the amount to sixty percent (60%). It would
15 also establish a new requirement. A bill to lower a tax rate
16 would also require approval of sixty percent (60%) of the
17 membership of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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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