

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 8

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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 proposed amendments to Sections 1 and 4 of
10 Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, which relate
11 to executive officers; directing the Governor to
12 appoint the Commissioner of Labor; removing
13 eligibility and term limit provisions for the
14 Commissioner of Labor; providing ballot title; and
15 directing filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
20 the following proposed amendment to Sections 1 and 4 of Article VI
21 of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

22 Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be
23 vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State
24 Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
25 Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor,
26 Commissioner of Insurance, and other officers provided by law and

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

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

8 C. The Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the Governor
9 by and with the consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years
10 to run concurrently with the term 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 shall

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

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

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

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

24 BALLOT TITLE

1 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

2 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

3 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
4 Section 1 of Article 6. It directs the Governor to appoint the
5 Commissioner of Labor. The appointment would be for a four-year
6 term concurrent with that of the Governor. It amends Section 4
7 of Article 6. It removes term limits for the Commissioner of
8 Labor.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

12 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
13 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
14 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
15 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
16 General.

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