

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1011

By: Moore

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending to the Congress of the United States that an amendment to the United States Constitution be proposed to the several states that would repeal the 17th Amendment to the Constitution and provide for selection of United States Senators by the State Legislatures; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the United States provided for United States Senators to be chosen by the Legislatures of each state; and

WHEREAS, the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, adopted in 1914, changed this method of choosing Senators to direct election by the people, which disenfranchised the sovereign states; and

WHEREAS, the 17th Amendment has had many unintended consequences, including runaway federal deficits, unfunded mandates,

1 overreach by federal agencies and excessive and burdensome
2 imposition by the federal government upon the states.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby recommends
7 to the Congress of the United States that an amendment to the United
8 States Constitution be adopted that is substantially similar to the
9 following:

10 "Section 1. The seventeenth article of amendment to the
11 Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

12 Section 2. Senators shall be elected exclusively by the State
13 Legislature, upon a majority of legislators present and voting in a
14 joint session. If a vacancy shall exist for more than one hundred
15 eighty (180) days, then the Governor shall appoint the Senator to
16 serve the remainder of the vacant term. This procedure may not be
17 modified by state initiative or referendum.

18 Section 3. State Legislatures may issue instructions to, or
19 recall, their Senators at any time.

20 Section 4. Any Senators serving at the time this amendment
21 becomes a valid part of the Constitution shall complete their
22 current terms of office."
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1 THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the Oklahoma
2 Congressional Delegation, the Clerk of the United States House of
3 Representatives, and the Secretary of the United States Senate.

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