

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1003

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 33 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to approval of
13 revenue-raising measures; providing for approval of
14 measures to decrease revenue; providing ballot title;
15 and directing filing.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
20 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

B. No revenue-raising bill shall be passed during the five last
days of ~~the~~ a regular or extraordinary session of the Legislature.

1 Bills for decreasing revenue may be passed at any time during a
2 regular or extraordinary session of the Legislature.

3 C. Any revenue-raising bill originating in the House of
4 Representatives or any bill for decreasing revenue, whether such
5 bill for decreasing revenue originates in the House of
6 Representatives or the Senate, shall not become effective until it
7 has been referred to the people of the state at the next general
8 election held throughout the state and shall become effective and be
9 in force when it has been approved by a majority of the votes cast
10 on the measure at such election and not otherwise, except as
11 otherwise provided in subsection D of this section require approval
12 by a majority of those elected to and constituting the House of
13 Representatives and the Senate for final passage in the same manner
14 as other measures.

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

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 amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section
8 33 of Article 5. A revenue-raising bill must begin in the House
9 of Representatives. If a revenue-raising bill is approved with
10 a three-fourths (3/4) vote of both the House of Representatives
11 and the Senate, it does not have to be submitted for final
12 approval at a statewide vote. This measure would change that
13 requirement. If both the House and the Senate approved a
14 revenue-raising measure by a majority of those elected to and
15 constituting the House and the Senate, the revenue-raising bill
16 would be presented to the Governor. A majority of the House of
17 Representatives requires fifty-one (51) votes. A majority of
18 the State Senate requires twenty-five (25) votes. Revenue-
19 raising bills would not be submitted for approval at a statewide
20 vote. Bills to decrease revenue could begin in either the House
21 of Representatives or the Senate. Bills to decrease revenue
22 would also require a majority vote of those elected to and
23 constituting the House and the Senate for final passage. Bills
24 to decrease revenue would not be submitted to a statewide vote.

1 All bills related to state revenues would be presented to the
2 Governor.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

6 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
7 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
8 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
9 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
10 Attorney General.

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