

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1039

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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 Sections 15 and 16
11 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; clarifying language; providing ballot
13 title; and directing filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
15 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
17 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
18 the following proposed amendments to Sections 15 and 16 of Article
19 VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

20 Section 15. The Lieutenant Governor shall possess the same
21 qualifications of eligibility for office as the Governor. ~~He~~ The
22 Lieutenant Governor shall be president of the Senate, but shall have
23 only a casting vote therein, and also in joint vote of both houses.
24 If, during a vacancy of the office of Governor, the Lieutenant

1 Governor shall be impeached, displaced, resign, die or be absent
2 from the State, or become incapable of performing the duties of the
3 office, the president, pro tempore, of the Senate, shall act as
4 Governor until the vacancy be filled or the disability shall cease;
5 and if the president, pro tempore, of the Senate, for any of the
6 above enumerated causes, shall become incapable of performing the
7 duties pertaining to the office of Governor, the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives shall act as Governor until the vacancy be
9 filled or the disability shall cease. Further provisions for
10 succession to the office of Governor shall be prescribed by law.

11 Section 16. In case of impeachment of the Governor, or of his
12 or her death, failure to qualify, resignation, removal from the
13 State, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the
14 office, the said office, with its compensation, shall devolve upon
15 the Lieutenant Governor for the residue of the term or until the
16 disability shall be removed.

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

20 BALLOT TITLE

21 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

22 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

23 This measure amends the sections of the Oklahoma Constitution
24 pertaining to succession in office. It is clarifying language.

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

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