

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1047

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 3.1 to Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; providing for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly; authorizing the Legislature to enact procedure; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 3.1 to Article VI, to read as follows:

Section 3.1 Beginning with the General Election held in 2022 and in each General Election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor held thereafter, the candidates for a political party shall run on

1 the same ticket with one vote to be cast for the candidates for
2 those positions. The candidate for Governor for each political
3 party shall designate an individual to run as the nominee for
4 Lieutenant Governor for the party. The designation may be made at
5 any time after the candidate for Governor is declared to be the
6 candidate for Governor for the political party but must be
7 communicated to the State Election Board in a timely manner to
8 provide the Board with sufficient time to print ballots for the
9 General Election. Each Independent candidate shall designate an
10 individual to run on the same ticket as the candidate. The
11 Legislature, by law, may provide additional procedures for the joint
12 nomination and election of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant
13 Governor.

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

17 BALLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a
21 new Section 3.1 to Article 6. It deals with the Offices of
22 Governor and Lieutenant Governor. It would provide that a
23 voter would cast one vote for both of these offices. The
24 persons running for these offices would run as a team. The

1 candidate for Governor would select the candidate for
2 Lieutenant Governor. Additional procedures for the joint
3 nomination and election of candidates for those offices
4 could be set by law. This would begin in 2022.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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