

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1050

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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 Section 33 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx; 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 Section 33 of Article V of the 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 bills.

B. No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of the session.

1 C. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
2 shall not become effective until it has been referred to the people
3 of the state at the next general election held throughout the state
4 and shall become effective and be in force when it has been approved
5 by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election and
6 not otherwise, except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this
7 section.

8 D. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
9 may become law without being submitted to a vote of the people of
10 the state if such bill receives the approval of ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~
11 three-fifths (3/5) of the membership of the House of Representatives
12 and ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ three-fifths (3/5) of the membership of the
13 Senate and is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action. Any
14 such revenue bill shall not be subject to the emergency measure
15 provision authorized in Section 58 of this Article and shall not
16 become effective and be in force until ninety days after it has been
17 approved by the Legislature, and acted on by the Governor.

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

21 BALLOT TITLE

22 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

23 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:
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1 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
2 Section 33 of Article 5. This section governs the way in which
3 revenue raising bills are considered in a session of the
4 Legislature. Under current law, if three-fourths (3/4) of the
5 members of each chamber of the Legislature vote to approve a
6 revenue-raising measure, that measure does not have to be
7 submitted to a vote of the people for their approval. This
8 measure would reduce the three-fourths (3/4) requirement to
9 three-fifths (3/5). If the amendment is adopted, the current
10 voting requirement would be reduced from seventy-five percent
11 (75%) to sixty percent (60%). For the Oklahoma House of
12 Representatives this means the number of votes required for
13 approval without submitting the question to a vote of the people
14 would change from 76 votes to 61 votes. For the Oklahoma State
15 Senate this means the number of votes required for approval
16 without submitting the question to a vote of the people would
17 change from 36 votes to 29 votes.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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