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3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1058

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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 Section 56 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; imposing requirements related to the
content of the general appropriation bill or special
appropriation bills; providing requirements
inapplicable to certain appropriations; providing
ballot title; and directing filing.

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
18 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
19 the following proposed amendment to Section 56 of Article V of the
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 56. A. The general appropriation bill shall embrace
22 nothing but appropriations for the expenses of the executive,
23 legislative, and judicial departments of the State, and for interest
24 on the public debt. The salary of no officer or employee of the

1 State, or any subdivision thereof, shall be increased in such bill,
2 nor shall any appropriation be made therein for any such officer or
3 employee, unless his employment and the amount of his salary, shall
4 have been already provided for by law. All other appropriations
5 shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one subject.

6 B. Appropriations made by either the general appropriation bill
7 or a special appropriation bill for operating expenses of the
8 governmental entity to which the appropriation is made shall contain
9 separate categories of expenditure for items such as:

10 1. Employee salaries;

11 2. Employee benefits;

12 3. Expenses for the ownership of real property by the entity to
13 which the funds are appropriated, if applicable;

14 4. Expenses for the rental of real property by the entity to
15 which the funds are appropriated if applicable;

16 5. Utility expenses;

17 6. Office supplies;

18 7. Computer-related expenses, including but not limited to the
19 expense of acquiring or maintaining licenses for software;

20 8. Lease expenses for computers, photocopiers, printers or other
21 office equipment;

22 9. Insurance premium expenses;

10. Expenses for accounting, legal, financial or other services
provided by a person, business or other legal entity to the
governmental entity;

11. Expenses related to the payment of any obligation incurred
by or on behalf of the governmental entity to which the funds are
appropriated in connection with debt obligations whether issued by
such governmental entity or a different governmental entity; and

12. Such other categories as the Legislature may provide for in
the measure making such appropriations.

C. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not be applicable to an appropriation made for an expenditure having a single purpose and which does not contain amounts for operating expenses.

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

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 56 of Article 5. This section relates to appropriations made by the Legislature to state government entities. The Legislature would be required to make appropriations using specific expense items. These items would include real property expenses,

1 utilities, computer-related expenses, software licenses,
2 insurance expenses, expenses for accounting, legal, financial or
3 similar professional services, expenses related to certain types
4 of debt obligations and such other expense categories that the
5 Legislature could establish. These requirements would apply to
6 the appropriations made in the general appropriation bill and
7 also any special appropriation bill. These are the two types of
8 bills which the Legislature is allowed to use in the annual
9 appropriations process. These requirements would not apply to an
10 appropriation made for a single purpose and which did not
11 contain funds for operating expenses of the government entity to
12 which the funds are being appropriated.

13 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

14 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

15 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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