

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4   HOUSE JOINT  
5   RESOLUTION 1020

By: McDugle of the House

and

**Murdock** of the Senate

10                               AS INTRODUCED

11           A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
12           to refer to the people for their approval or  
13           rejection a proposed amendment to Section 17A of  
14           Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
15           Oklahoma; modifying limitation on time served in the  
16           Legislature; providing ballot title; and directing  
17           filing.

18   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
19   1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

24           Section 17A. Any member of the Legislature who is elected to  
office after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ January 1 of the

1 year following the adoption of this amendment shall be eligible to  
2 serve no more than ~~12~~ 20 years in both houses of the Oklahoma State  
3 Legislature; provided a member of the Legislature shall be eligible  
4 to serve no more than 12 years in either the Senate or the House of  
5 Representatives. Years in Legislative office need not be  
6 consecutive and years of service in both the Senate and the House of  
7 Representatives shall be added together and included in determining  
8 the total number of Legislative years in office. The years served  
9 by any member elected or appointed to serve less than a full  
10 Legislative term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included  
11 in the ~~12-year~~ limitation set forth herein; but no member who has  
12 completed ~~12 years~~ the maximum number of years in office allowed by  
13 this section shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term.  
14 ~~Any member who is serving a Legislative term in office or who has~~  
15 ~~been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective~~  
16 ~~date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall~~  
17 ~~be eligible to serve an additional 12 years thereafter.~~ This  
18 amendment shall be effective on the 1st day of the year following  
19 its adoption.

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

23 BALLOT TITLE

24 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

1 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

2 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It changes the  
3 total number of years a person can serve in the Oklahoma  
4 Legislature. Currently, the maximum number of years a person  
5 can serve is 12 years. The amendment would change the maximum  
6 number of years to 20 years but would limit the number of years  
7 a person could serve in either the Senate or the House of  
8 Representatives to 12 years.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/27/2019 - DO PASS,  
19 As Coauthored.

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