

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Silk

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 23 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying time during which certain prohibitions on being appointed or elected to certain positions or being interested in certain contracts apply to members of Legislature; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH 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 23 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 23. No member of the Legislature shall, during the ~~term~~  
~~for which he was elected~~ time period in which he or she serves as a  
member of the Legislature, be appointed or elected to any office or commission in the State, which shall have been created, or the

1 emoluments of which shall have been increased, during his or her  
2 term of office, nor shall any member receive any appointment from  
3 the Governor, the Governor and Senate, or from the Legislature,  
4 during the ~~term for which he shall have been elected~~ time period in  
5 which he or she serves as a member of the Legislature, nor shall any  
6 member, during the ~~term for which he shall have been elected, or~~  
7 ~~within two years thereafter~~ time period in which he or she serves as  
8 a member of the Legislature, be interested, directly or indirectly,  
9 in any contract with the State, or any county or other subdivision  
10 thereof, authorized by law passed during the ~~term for which he shall~~  
11 ~~have been elected~~ time period in which he or she served as a member  
12 of the Legislature.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

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

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends Section 23 of Article V of the Oklahoma  
20 Constitution. Currently, this section prohibits members of the  
21 Legislature from being appointed or elected to certain positions  
22 during the term for which elected and from being interested in  
23 certain contracts during the term for which elected and for two  
24 years afterwards. This measure would apply these prohibitions

only to the time period in which the member actually serves in the Legislature.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, 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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