

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Matthews

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 Oklahoma Constitution; establishing new requirement for approval of certain measures; 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 33 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution 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 of the membership of the House of Representatives and three-fourths  
12 (3/4) of the membership of the Senate and is submitted to the  
13 Governor for appropriate action. Any such revenue bill shall not be  
14 subject to the emergency measure provision authorized in Section 58  
15 of this Article and shall not become effective and be in force until  
16 ninety days after it has been approved by the Legislature, and acted  
17 on by the Governor.

18 E. Any bill to lower a tax rate through legislative enactment  
19 shall not be subject to subsections A through D of this section but  
20 shall only become law if such bill receives the approval of three-  
21 fourths (3/4) of the membership of the House of Representatives and  
22 three-fourths (3/4) of the membership of the Senate and is submitted  
23 to the Governor for appropriate action.  
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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 Section 33 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution. The section sets out certain requirements for bills for raising revenue for the support of state government.

This bill would establish a new requirement. A bill to lower a tax rate would require approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the membership of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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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