

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 26

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
8 to refer to the people for their approval or  
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 21 of  
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, which relates  
11 to the Board on Legislative Compensation;  
12 establishing a requirement for compensation increases  
13 for members of the Legislature; providing ballot  
14 title; and directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH 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 21 of Article V of the  
20 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

21 Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit  
22 members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having  
23 interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties  
24 and responsibilities.

B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created.  
Said Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the

1 Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
2 Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be  
4 from religious organizations, communications media, nonstate-  
5 supported educational institutions, labor organizations, and retail  
6 business; the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
7 Senate shall be from agricultural and civic organizations; and the  
8 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
9 shall be from manufacturing and from professional fields not  
10 otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be appointed  
11 to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members above provided  
12 for, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Director of  
13 State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of said  
14 Board. The Chairman of said Board shall be designated by the  
15 Governor. Members of the Legislature shall receive such  
16 compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative  
17 Compensation pursuant to subsection C of this section. If a member  
18 of the Legislature is incarcerated due to being charged with a  
19 criminal offense and subsequently is found guilty of the offense or  
20 pleads guilty or nolo contendere to the offense, the legislator  
21 shall return to the state any compensation the legislator received  
22 from the state while the legislator was incarcerated prior to the  
23 guilty verdict or plea or nolo contendere plea and shall not receive  
24 any compensation from the state during any incarceration following

1 such verdict or plea. Said Board shall each two years review the  
2 compensation paid to the members of the Legislature and shall be  
3 empowered to change such compensation pursuant to subsection C of  
4 this section; such change to become effective on the fifteenth day  
5 following the succeeding general election. The members of the Board  
6 shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive  
7 necessary travel and subsistence expense as provided by law for  
8 other state officers.

9 C. Members of the Legislature shall not receive a percentage  
10 increase in annual compensation greater than the lowest percentage  
11 increase in legislatively appropriated annual compensation received  
12 by full-time employees of a state agency averaged over the ten years  
13 prior to the review performed pursuant to subsection B.

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

17 BALLOT TITLE

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

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends the State Constitution. It amends the  
21 section that sets pay for members of the Legislature. It limits  
22 pay increases for members of the Legislature to a certain  
23 percentage. This percentage is the percentage increase received  
24 by full-time employees at the state agency with the lowest

1 annual percentage increase in pay over the ten years prior to  
2 the review performed by the Board on Legislative Compensation.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

6 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
7 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
8 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
9 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
10 General.

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