

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 43

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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 24 of
10 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; adding
11 condition under which the State may contract debt and
12 specifying that condition be declared by Governor
13 through executive order; providing ballot title; and
14 directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE 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 24 of Article X of the
20 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

21 Section 24. In addition to the above limited power to contract
22 debts, the State may contract debts to repel invasion, suppress
23 insurrection or to defend the State in war, or to respond to a
24 catastrophic health emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to
executive order; but the money arising from the contracting of such

1 debts shall be applied to the purpose for which it was raised, or to
2 repay such debts, and to no other purpose whatever.

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

6 BALLOT TITLE

7 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure amends Section 24 of Article 10 of the Oklahoma
10 Constitution. It adds to the power of the State to contract
11 debts. The new power is when there is a response to a
12 catastrophic health emergency. The emergency would have to be
13 declared by the Governor in an executive order.

14 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

15 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

16 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

17 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
18 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
19 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
20 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
21 General.

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