

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION 1039

By: Pfeiffer

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; changing the percentage of legal voters
13 from statewide to each congressional district of the
14 state for certain petitions; providing ballot title;
15 and directing filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
17 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
20 the following proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the
21 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

22 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the
23 initiative, and eight ~~per centum~~ percent (8%) of the legal voters of
24 every congressional district of this state shall have the right to
25 propose any legislative measure, and fifteen ~~per centum~~ percent

1 (15%) of the legal voters of each congressional district of this
2 state shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution
3 by petition, and every ~~such~~ petition shall include the full text of
4 the measure so proposed. The second power is the referendum, and it
5 may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety), either by
7 petition signed by five ~~per centum~~ percent (5%) of the legal voters
8 of each congressional district of this state or by the Legislature
9 as other bills are enacted. ~~The ratio and per centum of legal~~
10 ~~voters hereinbefore stated shall be based upon the total number of~~
11 ~~votes cast at the last general election for the Office of Governor.~~

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

15 BALLOT TITLE

16 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

17 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

18 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends a
19 section pertaining to initiative and referendum petitions. The
20 amendment changes the percentage of legal voters necessary to
21 propose certain petitions from statewide to every congressional
22 district of this state.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

1 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

2 SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall,
3 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
4 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
5 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
6 General.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/03/2022 - DO PASS.
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