

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 45

By: Hamilton

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 1 of Article XXII of the Oklahoma Constitution; providing ballot title; prohibiting certain ownership of land through business entity or trust; decreasing allowable time period for disposition of certain property; modifying exception to certain ownership requirements; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH 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 1 of Article XXII of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 1. No alien or person who is not a citizen of the United States, shall acquire title to or own land in this state either directly or indirectly through a business entity or trust, and the Legislature shall enact laws whereby all persons not citizens of the United States, and their heirs, who may hereafter

1 acquire real estate in this state by devise, descent, or otherwise,
2 shall dispose of the same within ~~five years~~ one (1) year upon
3 condition of escheat or forfeiture to the State: Provided, This
4 shall not apply to Indians born within the United States, nor to
5 aliens or persons not citizens of the United States who may become
6 bona fide residents of this State, or any lawfully recognized
7 business entity, the majority of the voting stock or equivalent
8 controlling equity interest of which is owned by one or more
9 resident aliens: And Provided Further, That this section shall not
10 apply to lands now owned by resident aliens in this State.

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

14 BALLOT TITLE

15 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

16 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

17 This measure will amend Section 1 of Article 22 of the Oklahoma
18 Constitution. The measure will prohibit ownership of land in
19 Oklahoma by a business entity or trust of an alien or person who
20 is not a citizen of the United States. The measure will
21 decrease to 1 year the time period for such land to be returned
22 to the state. The measure provides an exception to lawful
23 resident aliens.

24 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
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1 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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