

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 31

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendments to Section 1 of Article I and Section 1 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; declaring the State of Oklahoma a free and independent sovereign state; clarifying the preservation of the right of local self-government; clarifying the right of a republican form of government; clarifying the inalienable right of the people to abolish, alter, or reform their government; 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 amendments to Section 1 of Article I and Section 1 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 1. The State of Oklahoma is ~~an inseparable~~ a free and independent sovereign state and by choice a part of the Federal Union known as the United States of America, and recognizes that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

1 The maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the
2 Federal Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local
3 self-government, unimpaired to all the states.

4 Section 1. All political power is inherent in the people; and
5 ~~government is~~ all free governments are founded on their authority
6 and instituted for their protection, security, and benefit, and to
7 promote their general welfare; the faith of the people of Oklahoma
8 stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of
9 government and, subject to this limitation only, they have at all
10 times the inalienable right to abolish, alter or reform the same
11 whenever the public good may require it: Provided, such change be
12 not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

17 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends Section 1 of Article 1 and Section 1 of
20 Article 2 of the Oklahoma Constitution. The measure amends
21 Section 1 of Article 1 to declare the State of Oklahoma a free
22 and independent sovereign state and a part of the Federal Union
23 with the United States Constitution as the supreme law of the
24 land and to confirm the preservation of the right of local self-

government. The measure amends Section 1 of Article 2 to confirm the preservation of a republican form of government and the inalienable right of the people to abolish, alter or reform their government when required by the public good.

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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