

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION 1054

By: Hardin of the House

and

Daniels of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
19 THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

24 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the
 initiative, and eight ~~per centum~~ percent (8%) of the legal voters of
 each county of this state shall have the right to propose any

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

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 the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends a
20 section pertaining to initiative and referendum petitions. The
21 amendment changes the percentage of legal voters necessary to
22 propose certain petitions from statewide to each county of this
23 state.

24 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/20/2024 - DO PASS,
10 As Coauthored.

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