

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 10

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; 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  
1st SESSION OF THE 59TH 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~~ foreign 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~~ who are foreign citizens ~~of the United States,~~ and their heirs, who may

1 hereafter acquire real estate in this state by devise, descent, or  
2 otherwise, shall dispose of the same within ~~five years~~ one (1) year  
3 upon condition of escheat or forfeiture to the State: Provided,  
4 This shall not apply to Indians born within the United States, nor  
5 to aliens or persons not citizens of the United States who may  
6 become bona fide residents of this State: ~~And Provided Further,~~  
7 ~~That this section shall not apply to lands now owned by aliens in~~  
8 ~~this State.~~

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

13 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure will amend Section 1 of Article 22 of the Oklahoma  
16 Constitution. The measure will prohibit ownership of land in  
17 Oklahoma by a foreign citizen or a business entity or trust  
18 owned by foreign citizens. The measure will decrease to 1 year  
19 the time period for such land to be returned to the state. The  
20 measure provides an exception to lawful resident foreign  
21 citizens.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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