

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1047

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A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; requiring certain vote of people to change compensation of members of the Legislature; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
2ND 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 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created.  
Said Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the

1 Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
2 Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be  
4 from religious organizations, communications media, nonstate-  
5 supported educational institutions, labor organizations, and retail  
6 business; the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
7 Senate shall be from agricultural and civic organizations; and the  
8 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
9 shall be from manufacturing and from professional fields not  
10 otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be appointed  
11 to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members above provided  
12 for, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Director of  
13 State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of said  
14 Board. The Chairman of said Board shall be designated by the  
15 Governor. Members of the Legislature shall receive such  
16 compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative  
17 Compensation. If a member of the Legislature is incarcerated due to  
18 being charged with a criminal offense and subsequently is found  
19 guilty of the offense or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to the  
20 offense, the legislator shall return to the state any compensation  
21 the legislator received from the state while the legislator was  
22 incarcerated prior to the guilty verdict or plea or nolo contendere  
23 plea and shall not receive any compensation from the state during  
24 any incarceration following such verdict or plea. Said Board shall

1 each two years review the compensation paid to the members of the  
2 Legislature and shall be ~~empowered~~ authorized to change such  
3 compensation; ~~such change to become effective on the fifteenth day~~  
4 ~~following the succeeding general election~~ pursuant to subsection C  
5 of this section. The members of the Board shall serve without  
6 compensation, but shall be entitled to receive necessary travel and  
7 subsistence expense as provided by law for other state officers.

8 C. Any recommendation by the Board to change compensation paid  
9 to the members of the Legislature shall be referred to a vote of the  
10 people in the form of a state question at the next General Election  
11 and shall take effect upon the approval of a majority vote of  
12 electors. The Board may seek the advice and counsel of the Attorney  
13 General and the Office of the Secretary of State to implement the  
14 provisions of this subsection.

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

18 BALLOT TITLE

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

20 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

21 This measure amends Section 21 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma  
22 Constitution. It makes any recommendation by the Board to  
23 change compensation paid to members of the Legislature be  
24 referred to a vote of the people in the form of a state  
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1 question. It requires a majority vote of the people to make any  
2 change in compensation. It allows the Board to consult with the  
3 Attorney General and Secretary of State to place the state  
4 question on the ballot.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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