

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1054

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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 amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; changing the percentage of legal voters from statewide to each county of the state for certain petitions; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

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 legislative measure, and fifteen ~~per centum~~ percent (15%) of the legal voters of each county of this state shall have the right to

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

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

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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