

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1050

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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 34 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; final passage of measures; interval for public comment; enabling legislation; 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 34 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 34. A. Every bill shall be read on three different days in each House, and no bill shall become a law unless, on its final passage, it be read at length, and no law shall be passed unless upon a vote of a majority of all the members elected to each House in favor of such law; and the question, upon final passage,

1 shall be taken upon its last reading, and the yeas and nays shall be  
2 entered upon the journal.

3 B. Before either the Oklahoma House of Representatives or the  
4 Oklahoma State Senate conducts a vote on final passage of any  
5 measure that requires at least a constitutional majority of those  
6 elected to and constituting the respective chamber, a period of five  
7 (5) calendar days shall elapse from the date and time as of which  
8 the vote on final passage could occur, according to the joint rules  
9 of the chambers or according to the rules of either chamber,  
10 respectively, during which period of time any person or entity may  
11 submit a comment regarding the measure. The Legislature may enact  
12 laws to prescribe the method by which the comments may be submitted,  
13 but in no event shall the vote on final passage take place until the  
14 five-day period has elapsed. For purposes of this subsection, the  
15 five-day period shall consist of consecutive periods of twenty-four  
16 (24) hours each. The five-day period shall begin with the date and  
17 time as of which the vote on final passage may first occur and shall  
18 end with the fifth such twenty-four-hour period on the final day of  
19 the period.

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

23 BALLOT TITLE

24 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
2 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 34  
3 of Article 5. This section governs the time required for a measure  
4 to be approved by the Legislature. This section requires a minimum  
5 of three (3) days in each of the two chambers of the Legislature in  
6 order for the vote on final passage of the measure to occur. This  
7 applies to bills and joint resolutions. This measure would require  
8 a period of five (5) days for the public to make comments about the  
9 measure before the vote on final passage could occur. The five days  
10 would be counted beginning with the date and time as of which the  
11 final vote in either the Oklahoma House of Representatives or the  
12 Oklahoma State Senate could occur. The five-day period would be  
13 counted in intervals of twenty-four (24) hours and it would end at  
14 the conclusion of the final twenty-four hour period. The  
15 Legislature could write laws to determine how the public comments  
16 could be submitted during this five-day period. The Legislature  
17 could not modify the five-day period itself.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?  
19 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_  
20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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