

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 29

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection the repeal of Section 3 of Article VII-B, which relates to the Judicial Nominating Commission, and the proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying certain appointment procedure; requiring Senate confirmation of certain judicial appointments; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 repeal of Section 3 and the following proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 4. When a vacancy in any Judicial Office, however arising, occurs or is certain to occur, ~~the Judicial Nominating Commission shall choose and submit to the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court three (3) nominees, each of whom has~~

1 ~~previously notified the Commission in writing that he will serve as~~  
2 ~~a Judicial Officer if appointed. The the Governor shall appoint one~~  
3 ~~(1) of the nominees a nominee to fill the vacancy, but if he fails~~  
4 ~~to do so within sixty (60) days the Chief Justice of the Supreme~~  
5 ~~Court shall appoint one (1) of the nominees,~~ the appointment to be  
6 certified by the Secretary of State and to be confirmed by the  
7 Senate.

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

11 BALLOT TITLE

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

13 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

14 This measure would amend Article 7-B of the Oklahoma  
15 Constitution. The measure would repeal Section 3 of Article 7-B  
16 which created the Judicial Nominating Commission. The measure  
17 would amend Section 4 of Article 7-B to establish a process for  
18 appointing Supreme Court justices and Court of Criminal Appeals  
19 judges. The Governor will appoint new judges and justices,  
20 subject to confirmation by the Senate.

21 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

22 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

23 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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