

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 32

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Sections 2 and 5 of
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying the
11 number of votes for determining ratio and per centum;
12 updating language; authorizing the people of a county
13 to bring petitions for any purpose; modifying the
14 requisite number of petitioners for county petitions;
15 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 2ND SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
20 the following proposed amendment to Sections 2 and 5 of Article V of
21 the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

22 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the
23 initiative, and eight per centum of the legal voters shall have the
24 right to propose any legislative measure, and fifteen per centum of
the legal voters shall have the right to propose amendments to the
Constitution by petition, and every such petition shall include the

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

10 Section 5. The powers of the initiative and referendum reserved
11 to the people by this Constitution for the State at large, are
12 hereby further reserved to the legal voters of every county and
13 district therein, as to all local legislation, or action, in the
14 administration of county and district government in and for their
15 respective counties and districts. The manner of exercising said
16 powers shall be prescribed by general laws, except that Boards of
17 County Commissioners may provide for the time of exercising the
18 initiative and referendum powers as to local legislation in their
19 respective counties and districts. Provided, however, the people of
20 such county shall have the authority to bring a petition for any
21 purpose of that county authorized by law.

22 The requisite number of petitioners for the invocation of the
23 initiative and referendum in counties and districts shall ~~bear~~
24 ~~twice, or double, the ratio to the whole number be eleven and five-~~

tenths percent (11.5%) of legal voters in such county or district,
or five thousand (5,000) legal voters, whichever is smaller, as
herein provided therefor in the State at large.

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

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. State Question No.

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends Sections 2 and 5 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution. The measure will modify the office used for determining ratio and per centum from the Office of the Governor to the state office receiving the most votes. The measure will allow the people of a county to bring petitions for any purpose authorized by law. The measure will modify the needed number of petitioners for county petitions from the current ratio to 11.5% or 5,000 legal voters, whichever is smaller.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO

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

1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.
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