

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 32

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2ND SESSION OF THE 60TH 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 Sections 2 and 5 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and eight per centum of the legal voters shall have the 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-

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

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

7 BALLOT TITLE

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

9 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

22 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
24 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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