

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 33

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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 Sections 1, 3, and 4 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution; directing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be appointed by the Governor for a four-year term to run concurrently with the Governor; removing the Superintendent of Public Instruction from a list of offices for which eligibility requirements are provided and that are subject to certain term limit; updating language; making language gender neutral; 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 1, 3, and 4 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 1. A. The ~~Executive~~ executive authority of the state shall be vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of

1 Labor, ~~Commissioner of Insurance~~ Commissioner, and other officers
2 provided by law and this Constitution, each of whom shall keep his
3 or her office and public records, books, and papers at the seat of
4 government, and shall perform such duties as may be designated in
5 this Constitution or prescribed by law.

6 B. The Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Public
7 Instruction shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the
8 consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years to run
9 concurrently with the term of the Governor.

10 Section 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of
11 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and
12 Inspector, Attorney General, or State Treasurer ~~or Superintendent of~~
13 ~~Public Instruction~~ except a citizen of the United States of the age
14 of not less than thirty-one (31) years and who shall have been ten
15 (10) years next preceding his or her election, or appointment, a
16 qualified elector of this state.

17 Section 4. A. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
18 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
19 Treasurer, and Commissioner of Labor ~~and Superintendent of Public~~
20 ~~Instruction~~ shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
21 January next after their election. The ~~said~~ officers shall be
22 eligible to immediately succeed themselves except as otherwise
23 provided in this section.

1 B. 1. No person shall be eligible to serve as Governor for a
2 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
3 consecutive. Any years served by a person serving as Governor for
4 less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office shall not be
5 included in the eight-year limitation set forth herein.

6 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, any person
7 serving as Governor at the time of passage of this amendment shall
8 be eligible to complete the term of office to which he or she was
9 elected but shall not be eligible to serve as Governor for a period
10 of time in excess of eight (8) years, excluding years served for
11 less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office. The
12 provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether such
13 years were served prior to or after passage of this amendment.

14 C. No person shall be eligible to serve as Lieutenant Governor,
15 State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer, or
16 Commissioner of Labor ~~or Superintendent of Public Instruction~~ for a
17 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
18 consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to
19 serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in any such office
20 shall not be included in the limitations set forth herein. Any
21 person serving in such position at the time of passage of this
22 amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she
23 has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional eight
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1 (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this
2 amendment.

3 D. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
4 implement the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.

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

8 BALLOT TITLE

9 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

11 This measure would amend Section 1 of Article 6 of the Oklahoma
12 Constitution. It would make the office of Superintendent of
13 Public Instruction appointed by the Governor with the advice and
14 consent of the Senate. The appointment term would be four years
15 to run concurrently with the term of the Governor. This measure
16 would also amend Section 3 of Article 6 of the Oklahoma
17 Constitution by removing the Superintendent of Public
18 Instruction from a list of offices for which eligibility
19 requirements are provided. This measure would also amend
20 Section 4 of Article 6 of the Oklahoma Constitution by removing
21 the Superintendent of Public Instruction from a list of offices
22 subject to an eight-year limit.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

1 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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