

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1019

By: Roberts

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
9 to refer to the people for their approval or  
10 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of  
11 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 6 to  
12 Article III; imposing requirements with respect to  
elections; requiring general election races to have  
certain characteristics; authorizing enabling  
legislation; providing ballot title; and directing  
filing.

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 SECTION 1. A new section of law not to be codified in the  
18 Oklahoma Statutes or in the Constitution reads as follows:

19 This initiative shall be known and may be cited as the "Ensure  
20 each general election race for federal, state, county, and municipal  
21 officers has representation from every recognized political party  
22 that had a candidate file for the race (EQUAL REPRESENTATION)  
23 Initiative."  
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1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
2 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
3 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
4 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 6 to Article III thereof, to read  
5 as follows:

6 A. In all elections for federal, state, county, and municipal  
7 officers, the following shall be required:

8 1. Each political party recognized by the laws of this state  
9 shall have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the General  
10 Election for federal, state, county, and municipal officers in the  
11 manner provided by law. The candidate must have filed during the  
12 timeframe designated by Oklahoma law and become the political  
13 party's nominee by winning the party's primary outright or by  
14 winning the party's runoff in the manner provided by law.

15 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
16 authority of the Legislature to enact a mandatory primary system as  
17 provided in Section 3 of Article III of this Constitution.

18 B. 1. This section shall remain in effect unless and until it  
19 is repealed by a vote of the people by initiative or referendum as  
20 provided in this Constitution.

21 2. An initiative or referendum to repeal this section shall  
22 contain no subject other than the repeal of this section.

23 C. The Legislature shall have the authority to implement this  
24 section with appropriate legislation. The implementation shall be

1 completed in the first legislative session following passage of the  
2 Constitutional amendment.

3 SECTION 3. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
4 amendment as set forth in SECTION 2 of this resolution shall be in  
5 the following form:

6 BALLOT TITLE

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

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would  
10 add a new Section 6 to Article 3. If the measure passes,  
11 elections for federal, state, county, and municipal officers  
12 would have to be conducted in a specific manner. Each general  
13 election race shall include a candidate from every political  
14 party recognized under Oklahoma law and had a candidate run for  
15 the race. The candidate must have filed during the timeframe  
16 designated by Oklahoma law and become the political party's  
17 nominee by winning the party's primary outright or by winning  
18 the party's runoff in the manner provided by law. Nothing about  
19 this measure would amend, modify, or limit the ability of the  
20 Legislature to provide for a system of primary elections. The  
21 provisions of this section would remain the law unless pursuant  
22 to an amendment to the Constitution by means of an initiative  
23 petition or a measure referred to a vote of the people by the  
24 Legislature. An initiative petition or a referendum measure

1 could only contain a provision to repeal this section and could  
2 not contain an amendment to this section. The Legislature would  
3 have the ability to enact laws in order to implement the  
4 provisions of this section.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

8 SECTION 4. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
9 immediately after the passage of this act, shall prepare and file  
10 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 3  
11 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
12 General.

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