

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1040

5 By: Woolley

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 Section 1 of
10 Article VII of the Constitution of the State of
11 Oklahoma; creating the Save Our State Amendment;
12 modifying provisions related to applicable law in the
13 judicial system; providing ballot title; and
14 directing filing.

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

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

21 Section 1. A. The judicial power of this State shall be vested
22 in the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, a Supreme Court,
23 the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court on the Judiciary, the ~~State~~
24 ~~Industrial Workers' Compensation~~ Court, the Court of Bank Review,
the Court of Tax Review, and such intermediate appellate courts as

1 may be provided by statute, District Courts, and such Boards,
2 Agencies and Commissions created by the Constitution or established
3 by statute as exercise adjudicative authority or render decisions in
4 individual proceedings. Provided that the Court of Criminal
5 Appeals, the ~~State Industrial Workers' Compensation~~ Court, the Court
6 of Bank Review and the Court of Tax Review and such Boards, Agencies
7 and Commissions as have been established by statute shall continue
8 in effect, subject to the power of the Legislature to change or
9 abolish said Courts, Boards, Agencies, or Commissions. Municipal
10 Courts in cities or incorporated towns shall continue in effect and
11 shall be subject to creation, abolition or alteration by the
12 Legislature by general laws, but shall be limited in jurisdiction to
13 criminal and traffic proceedings arising out of infractions of the
14 provisions of ordinances of cities and towns or of duly adopted
15 regulations authorized by such ordinances.

16 B. Subsection C of this section shall be known as the "Save Our
17 State Amendment".

18 C. The Courts provided for in subsection A of this section,
19 when exercising their judicial authority, shall uphold and adhere to
20 the law as provided in the United States Constitution, the Oklahoma
21 Constitution, the United States Code, federal regulations
22 promulgated pursuant thereto, established common law, the Oklahoma
23 Statutes and rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and if necessary
24 the law of another state of the United States provided the law of

1 the other state does not include Sharia law, in making judicial
2 decisions. The courts shall not look to the legal precepts of other
3 nations or cultures. Specifically, the courts shall not consider
4 international law or Sharia law. The provisions of this subsection
5 shall apply to all cases before the respective courts including, but
6 not limited to, cases of first impression.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

11 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure amends the State Constitution. It changes a
14 section that deals with the courts of this state. It would
15 amend Section 1, Article 7 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It
16 makes courts rely on federal and state law when deciding cases.
17 It forbids courts from considering or using international law.
18 It forbids courts from considering or using Sharia law.
19 International law is also known as the law of nations. It deals
20 with the conduct of international organizations and independent
21 nations, such as countries, states and tribes. It deals with
22 their relationship with each other. It also deals with some of
23 their relationships with persons.

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1 The law of nations is formed by the general assent of civilized
2 nations. Sources of international law also include
3 international agreements, as well as treaties.

4 Sharia law is Islamic law. It is based on two principal
5 sources, the Koran and the teaching of Mohammed.

6 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

7 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

8 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

9 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
10 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
11 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
12 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
13 Attorney General.

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