

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1041

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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 Section 8F of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; expanding definition of surviving spouse to include surviving spouse of Gold Star veterans for purposes of the homestead exemption; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE 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 Section 8F of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 8F. A. Despite any provision to the contrary, and except as otherwise provided by subsection D of this section, beginning January 1, 2015, the surviving spouse of the head of household who is determined by the United States Department of

1 Defense or any branch of the United States military to have died  
2 while in the line of duty shall be entitled to claim an exemption  
3 for the full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead until  
4 such surviving spouse remarries. For purposes of this section,  
5 "surviving spouse" shall include, but not be limited to, the  
6 surviving spouse of the head of household who is determined by the  
7 United States Department of Defense or any branch of the United  
8 States military to be of Gold Star status.

9 B. In order to be eligible for the exemption authorized by this  
10 section, the surviving spouse shall be required to prove residency  
11 within the State of Oklahoma and must have previously qualified for  
12 the homestead exemption authorized by law or be eligible for the  
13 homestead exemption pursuant to law.

14 C. If a homestead otherwise eligible for the exemption  
15 authorized by this section is transferred on or after January 1 of a  
16 calendar year, another homestead property acquired by the surviving  
17 spouse shall be exempt to the same extent as the homestead property  
18 previously owned by such person for the year during which the new  
19 homestead is acquired and, subject to the requirements of this  
20 section, for each year thereafter.

21 D. The provisions of this section shall be applicable for the  
22 2014 calendar year with respect to an existing homestead property  
23 owned by the surviving spouse of a person previously determined to  
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1 have died while in the line of duty by the United States Department  
2 of Defense or applicable branch of the United States military.

3 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
4 amendment as set forth in SECTION 8F 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 amends Section 8F of Article 10 of the Oklahoma  
10 Constitution. This section provides for an exemption to  
11 surviving spouses of veterans killed in the line of duty for the  
12 full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead until such  
13 surviving spouse remarries. This measure would expand the  
14 definition of surviving spouse to include the surviving spouses  
15 of veterans who have received Gold Star status by the United  
16 States Department of Defense or any branch of the United States  
17 Military.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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