

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1057

By: Osburn

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection of a proposed amendment to Section 23 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; making the Insurance Commissioner an appointed position; providing process for appointment; providing process for removal; 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 23 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 23. A. ~~There~~ Until subsection C of this section becomes effective, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State, at the first general election, a chief officer of the Insurance Department, who shall be styled the "Insurance Commissioner", whose term of office shall be four years: Provided,

1 That the first term of the Insurance Commissioner so elected, shall
2 expire at the time of the expiration of the term of office of the
3 first Governor elected. The Insurance Commissioner shall be at
4 least twenty-five (25) years of age and well versed in insurance
5 matters.

6 B. No person shall be eligible to serve as Insurance
7 Commissioner for a period of time in excess of eight (8) years.
8 Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person
9 elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a
10 vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation set
11 forth herein. Any person serving in such position at the time of
12 passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for
13 which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an
14 additional eight (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the
15 provisions of this amendment. The Legislature is hereby authorized
16 to enact laws to implement the provisions of this subsection.

17 C. Beginning November 1, 2034, subsections C, D, and E of this
18 section shall take effect and the Insurance Commissioner shall be
19 appointed by the Governor, in the process described in subsection D
20 of this section.

21 D. The Insurance Commissioner shall be appointed as follows:

22 1. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall
23 provide a list of six nominees to the Governor. The Governor shall
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1 appoint one of the six nominees to serve as the Insurance
2 Commissioner;

3 2. The Oklahoma State Senate shall vote whether to confirm the
4 Governor's appointee; and

5 3. Should the Senate fail to confirm the Governor's appointee
6 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, then the Governor shall select a new
7 appointee from the original list of nominees.

8 E. The Insurance Commissioner may be removed from office by
9 either:

10 1. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members elected to and
11 constituting each chamber of the Legislature to remove the Insurance
12 Commissioner; or

13 2. By order of the Governor and two-thirds (2/3) vote of one
14 chamber of the Legislature to remove the Insurance Commissioner.

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

18 BALLOT TITLE

19 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

20 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

21 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution in Section 23 of
22 Article 6. The measure creates an appointment and removal
23 process for the Insurance Commissioner. The process shall
24 consist of the Oklahoma House of Representatives preparing a

list of eligible nominees, the Governor selecting a nominee from the list, and the Senate voting whether to confirm the Governor's selection. Should the Senate fail to confirm the Governor's selection by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, then the Governor shall make a new selection from the original provided list. The Insurance Commissioner may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each chamber of the Legislature, or by order of the Governor and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of one chamber of the Legislature. This process shall not take effect until November 1, 2034.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

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

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