

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1066

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A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying procedures for approval of salary increases for legislators; providing for approval by majority of both chambers for salary increases in excess of specified percentage increase; prescribing procedures for approval of measure; prescribing procedures for computation of effective date of certain salary increase; 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 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having

1 interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties
2 and responsibilities.

3 B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created.

4 Said Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the
5 Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
6 Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be
8 from religious organizations, communications media, nonstate-
9 supported educational institutions, labor organizations, and retail
10 business; the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
11 Senate shall be from agricultural and civic organizations; and the
12 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
13 shall be from manufacturing and from professional fields not
14 otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be appointed
15 to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members above provided
16 for, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Director of
17 State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of said
18 Board. The Chairman of said Board shall be designated by the
19 Governor. Members of the Legislature shall receive such
20 compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative
21 Compensation. If a member of the Legislature is incarcerated due to
22 being charged with a criminal offense and subsequently is found
23 guilty of the offense or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to the
24 offense, the legislator shall return to the state any compensation

1 the legislator received from the state while the legislator was
2 incarcerated prior to the guilty verdict or plea or nolo contendere
3 plea and shall not receive any compensation from the state during
4 any incarceration following such verdict or plea. Said Board shall
5 each two years review the compensation paid to the members of the
6 Legislature and shall be empowered to change such compensation;
7 except as otherwise provided by subsection C of this section, such
8 change to become effective on the fifteenth day following the
9 succeeding general election. The members of the Board shall serve
10 without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive necessary
11 travel and subsistence expense as provided by law for other state
12 officers.

13 C. If the Board on Legislative Compensation approves an
14 increase greater than ten percent (10%), the increase shall not take
15 effect until the Legislature, in either a regular or extraordinary
16 session, approves the increase by a majority vote of those elected
17 to and constituting each chamber of the Legislature. The measure
18 for approval of the increase shall not be presented to the Governor.
19 If the salary increase is approved by the Legislature prior to the
20 fifteenth day of the month following the general election date which
21 occurs immediately after the approval of the increase by the Board
22 on Legislative Compensation, the salary increase shall become
23 effective on the fifteenth day following such general election. If
24 the salary increase is approved by the Legislature after the

1 fifteenth day of the month following the general election, but prior
2 to the next succeeding general election, the salary increase shall
3 take effect on the first day of the month following the date upon
4 which the measure receives approval by both chambers. If the
5 measure does not receive approval by both chambers on the same date,
6 the salary increase shall become effective on the first day of the
7 month following the date as of which the measure is approved by the
8 second of the two chambers.

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

13 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
16 Section 21 of Article 5. This section creates the Board on
17 Legislative Compensation. Currently, if the Board on
18 Legislative Compensation approves a salary increase for
19 lawmakers, no other approval is required. If this measure
20 passes, if the Board approves a salary increase of more than ten
21 percent (10%), the increase would also have to be approved by
22 both chambers of the Legislature. It would have to receive a
23 majority vote of the total number of members elected to each of
24 the chambers. If the Legislature approved this increase, it

would become effective either on the first day of the month following the month during which the increase was approved or upon the fifteenth day following the next general election.

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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