

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SJR 42 submits to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment that vests the power of redistricting with a newly created Independent Redistricting Commission. The Commission shall be comprised of 9 members. The SJR provides that 6 of the members shall be comprised of people representing the 2 largest political parties and that 3 of the members shall be unaffiliated. Each member must have been a resident in the state for a period of 5 years and must not hold, or have a family member hold, a partisan elective office. The SJR directs the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court to designate a panel within 60 days of the amendment's effective date to consider applications for the Commission. The panel shall consist of 3 retired judges. An Administrator of the Commission shall also be appointed by the Chief Justice. The Commission shall require 6 commissioners to vote in favor of a redistricting plan. The SJR provides if the Commission is unable to approve a plan, the Oklahoma Supreme Court shall approve a plan from a list of options submitted by the Administrator of the Court. The measure also provides for the creation of the Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission Revolving Fund.

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