

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HJR1019 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Eric Roberts \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR  
5 HOUSE JOINT  
6 RESOLUTION NO. 1019

By: Roberts

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9 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
11 to refer to the people for their approval or  
12 rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of  
13 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 8 to  
14 Article III; imposing requirements with respect to  
15 elections; requiring general election races to have  
16 certain characteristics; authorizing enabling  
17 legislation; providing ballot title; providing for  
18 noncodification; and directing filing.

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21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
22 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

23 SECTION 1. A new section of law not to be codified in the  
24 Oklahoma Statutes or in the Constitution reads as follows:

25 This initiative shall be known and may be cited as the "Ensure  
26 each general election race for federal, state, and partisan county  
27 officers has representation from every recognized political party

1 that had a candidate file for the race (EQUAL REPRESENTATION)  
2 Initiative".

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
4 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
5 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
6 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 8 to Article III thereof, to read  
7 as follows:

8 A. In all elections for federal, state, county, and partisan  
9 county officers, the following shall be required:

10 1. Each political party recognized by the laws of this state  
11 shall have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the General  
12 Election for federal, state, county, and partisan county officers in  
13 the manner provided by law. The candidate must have filed during  
14 the timeframe designated by Oklahoma law and become the political  
15 party's nominee by winning the party's primary outright or by  
16 winning the party's runoff in the manner provided by law.

17 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
18 authority of the Legislature to enact a mandatory primary system as  
19 provided in Section 3 of Article III of this Constitution.

20 B. 1. This section shall remain in effect unless and until it  
21 is repealed by a vote of the people by initiative or referendum as  
22 provided in this Constitution.

23 2. An initiative or referendum to repeal this section shall  
24 contain no subject other than the repeal of this section.

1 C. The Legislature shall have the authority to implement this  
2 section with appropriate legislation. The implementation shall be  
3 completed in the first legislative session following passage of the  
4 Constitutional amendment.

5 SECTION 3. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
6 amendment as set forth in SECTION 2 of this resolution shall be in  
7 the following form:

8 BALLOT TITLE

9 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

11 This measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would  
12 add a new Section 8 to Article 3. If the measure passes,  
13 elections for federal, state, county, and partisan county  
14 officers would have to be conducted in a specific manner. Each  
15 general election race shall include a candidate from every  
16 political party recognized under Oklahoma law and had a  
17 candidate run for the race. The candidate must have filed  
18 during the timeframe designated by Oklahoma law and become the  
19 political party's nominee by winning the party's primary  
20 outright or by winning the party's runoff in the manner provided  
21 by law. Nothing about this measure would amend, modify, or  
22 limit the ability of the Legislature to provide for a system of  
23 primary elections. The provisions of this section would remain  
24 the law unless pursuant to an amendment to the Constitution by

1 means of an initiative petition or a measure referred to a vote  
2 of the people by the Legislature. An initiative petition or a  
3 referendum measure could only contain a provision to repeal this  
4 section and could not contain an amendment to this section. The  
5 Legislature would have the ability to enact laws in order to  
6 implement the provisions of this section.

7 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

8 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

9 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

10 SECTION 4. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
11 immediately after the passage of this act, shall prepare and file  
12 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 3  
13 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
14 General.

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