

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 37

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Sections 1 and 4 of
10 Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution; requiring
the Commissioner of Labor be appointed by the
Governor; providing ballot title; and directing
filing.

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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 2ND SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
15 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
16 the following proposed amendment to Sections 1 and 4 of Article VI
17 of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

18 Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be
19 vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State
20 Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
21 Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor,
22 Commissioner of Insurance and other officers provided by law and
23 this Constitution, each of whom shall keep his office and public
24 records, books and papers at the seat of government, and shall

1 perform such duties as may be designated in this Constitution or
2 prescribed by law.

3 B. The Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor by
4 and with the advice and consent of the Senate for a term of four (4)
5 years to run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

6 C. The Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the Governor
7 with the advice and consent of the Senate for a term of four (4)
8 years to run concurrently with the term of the Governor.

9 Section 4. A. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant
10 Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State
11 Treasurer, ~~Commissioner of Labor~~ and Superintendent of Public
12 Instruction shall be four (4) years from the second Monday of
13 January next after their election. The said officers shall be
14 eligible to immediately succeed themselves except as otherwise
15 provided in this section.

16 B. 1. No person shall be eligible to serve as Governor for a
17 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
18 consecutive. Any years served by a person serving as Governor for
19 less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office shall not be
20 included in the eight-year limitation set forth herein.

21 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, any person
22 serving as Governor at the time of passage of this amendment shall
23 be eligible to complete the term of office to which he or she was
24 elected but shall not be eligible to serve as Governor for a period

1 of time in excess of eight (8) years, excluding years served for
2 less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office. The
3 provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether such
4 years were served prior to or after passage of this amendment.

5 C. No person shall be eligible to serve as Lieutenant Governor,
6 State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
7 ~~Commissioner of Labor~~ or Superintendent of Public Instruction for a
8 period of time in excess of eight (8) years. Such years need not be
9 consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to
10 serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in any such office
11 shall not be included in the limitations set forth herein. Any
12 person serving in such position at the time of passage of this
13 amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she
14 has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional eight
15 (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this
16 amendment.

17 D. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
18 implement the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.

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

22 BALLOT TITLE

23 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

24 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:
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1 This measure amends Sections 1 and 4 of Article 6 of the
2 Oklahoma Constitution. The measure requires the Commissioner of
3 Labor to be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years
4 to run at the same time as the term of the Governor.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

8 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
9 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
10 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
11 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
12 General.

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