

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 40

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article XIII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying term of office beginning on certain date; providing term limit; updating language; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 2 of Article XIII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 2. There is hereby established the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, consisting of nine (9) members, whose qualifications may be prescribed by law. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate, and who shall be removable only for cause, as provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment. Upon the taking effect of this Article, the Governor shall appoint the ~~said~~ Regents

1 for terms of office as follows: one for a term of one (1) year, one
2 for a term of two (2) years, one for a term of three (3) years, one
3 for a term of four (4) years, one for a term of five (5) years, one
4 for a term of six (6) years, one for a term of seven (7) years, one
5 for a term of eight (8) years, and one for a term of nine (9) years.
6 Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the balance of the
7 term only. ~~Except as above designated~~ On and after the effective
8 date of this resolution, the term of office of ~~said~~ the Regents
9 shall be ~~nine~~ four (4) years or until their successors are appointed
10 and qualified, and a Regent shall be prohibited from serving more
11 than two terms.

12 The Regents shall constitute a ~~co-ordinating~~ coordinating board
13 of control for all State institutions described in Section 1 hereof,
14 with the following specific powers: (1) it shall prescribe
15 standards of higher education applicable to each institution; (2) it
16 shall determine the functions and courses of study in each of the
17 institutions to conform to the standards prescribed; (3) it shall
18 grant degrees and other forms of academic recognition for completion
19 of the prescribed courses in all of such institutions; (4) it shall
20 recommend to the State Legislature the budget allocations to each
21 institution, and; (5) it shall have the power to recommend to the
22 Legislature proposed fees for all of such institutions, and any such
23 fees shall be effective only within the limits prescribed by the
24 Legislature.

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

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure would amend Section 2 of Article 13-A of the Oklahoma Constitution. The measure would change the term of office for an appointment to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education from nine (9) years to four (4) years. The measure would also limit an individual to serving two terms as a Regent.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, 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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