

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1016

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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8 An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to
9 the people for their approval or rejection a proposed
10 amendment to Section 1 of Article XXIV of the
11 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; changing
12 required number of votes to place Constitutional
13 amendments proposed by the Legislature on the ballot;
14 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
18 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
19 the following proposed amendment to Section 1 of Article XXIV of the
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may
22 be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if the same
23 shall be agreed to by ~~a majority~~ two-thirds (2/3) of all the members
24 elected to each of the two (2) houses, such proposed amendment or
amendments shall, with the yeas and nays thereon, be entered in
their journals and referred by the Secretary of State to the people

1 for their approval or rejection, at the next regular general
2 election, except when the Legislature, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
3 each house, shall order a special election for that purpose. If a
4 majority of all the electors voting on any proposed amendment at
5 such election shall vote in favor thereof, it shall thereby become a
6 part of this Constitution.

7 No proposal for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution
8 which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general
9 subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each
10 proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of
11 proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which
12 embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a
13 single proposal or proposition.

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

17 BALLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It would change
21 the number of votes required in the Legislature to send proposed
22 constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. Currently, a
23 simple majority of each house of the Legislature is required for
24 a proposal scheduled for the next general election and a two-

1 thirds majority is required if the proposal is scheduled for a
2 special election. The change would require a two-thirds
3 majority of each house for all proposed constitutional
4 amendments that are to be sent to a vote of the people.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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