

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 18

By: Holt

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; modifying percentages of voters needed to
13 propose certain measures; providing ballot title; and
14 directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 2 of Article V of the
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the
22 initiative, and ~~eight~~ two per centum of the legal voters shall have
23 the right to propose any legislative measure, and ~~fifteen~~ ten per
24 centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose
amendments to the Constitution by petition, and every such petition

1 shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. The second
2 power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
4 health, or safety), either by petition signed by ~~five~~ two per centum
5 of the legal voters or by the Legislature as other bills are
6 enacted. The ratio and per centum of legal voters hereinbefore
7 stated shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the
8 last general election for the Office of Governor.

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

13 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure amends Section 2 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma
16 Constitution. It lowers the percentage of voters needed to
17 propose an initiative, amendments to the Constitution by
18 petition or a referendum.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

22 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
24 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.

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