

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 4

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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 5 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying the prohibition on public money used for sectarian or religious support or benefit; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST 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 5 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 5. No public money or property shall ever be appropriated, applied, donated, or used, ~~directly or indirectly,~~ for the direct financial use, benefit, or support of any sect, church, denomination, or system of religion, or for the direct financial use, benefit, or support of any priest, preacher, minister, or other religious teacher or dignitary, or sectarian institution as such.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

5 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure amends Section 5 of Article 2 of the Oklahoma
8 Constitution. It modifies the prohibition on public money used
9 for sectarian or religious support or benefit to only prohibit
10 the direct financial support or benefit of any sect or religious
11 institution.

12 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

13 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

14 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

15 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
16 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
17 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
18 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
19 General.

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