

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 5

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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 3 of Article V and Section 1 of Article XXIV of the Oklahoma Constitution; increasing percentage of vote required to pass certain measures; 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 3 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 3. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of State not more than ninety (90) days after the final adjournment of the session of the Legislature which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded. The veto power of the Governor shall not extend to measures voted on by the people. All elections on measures referred to the people of the state shall be had at the

1 next election held throughout the state, except when the Legislature
2 or the Governor shall order a special election for the express
3 purpose of making such reference. Any measure referred to the
4 people by the initiative or referendum shall take effect and be in
5 force when it shall have been approved by ~~a majority~~ not less than
6 sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast thereon and not otherwise.

7 The style of all bills shall be: "Be it Enacted By the People
8 of the State of Oklahoma."

9 Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum
10 shall be filed with the Secretary of State and addressed to the
11 Governor of the state, who shall submit the same to the people. The
12 Legislature shall make suitable provisions for carrying into effect
13 the provisions of this article.

14 SECTION 2. 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 Section 1 of Article XXIV of the
17 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

18 Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may
19 be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if the same
20 shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each
21 of the two (2) houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall,
22 with the yeas and nays thereon, be entered in their journals and
23 referred by the Secretary of State to the people for their approval
24 or rejection, at the next regular general election, except when the

1 Legislature, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, shall order a
2 special election for that purpose. If ~~a majority~~ not less than
3 sixty percent (60%) of all the electors voting on any proposed
4 amendment at such election shall vote in favor thereof, it shall
5 thereby become a part of this Constitution.

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

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

17 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure would amend Section 3 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma
20 Constitution. It would increase the vote required to pass an
21 initiative or referendum petition from a simple majority to a
22 60% vote of the electors voting on the petition. This measure
23 would also amend Section 1 of Article 24 of the Oklahoma
24 Constitution. It would increase the vote required to pass a

1 constitutional amendment proposed by the Legislature from a
2 simple majority to a 60% vote of the electors voting on the
3 amendment.

4 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

5 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

6 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

7 SECTION 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
8 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
9 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 3
10 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
11 General.

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