

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

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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 26 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; restricting ability of Legislature to
13 consider certain types of measures during odd-
14 numbered years; requiring consideration of
15 appropriation measures during odd-numbered years;
16 providing for expenses during two-year period;
17 authorizing Legislature to consider certain types of
18 measures during even-numbered years; authorizing
19 consideration of certain types of measures during
20 odd-numbered years based upon certain vote; providing
21 ballot title; and directing filing.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH 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 26 of Article V of the
Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

1 Section 26. A. The Legislature shall meet in regular session
2 at the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday
3 in February of each year and the regular session shall be finally
4 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last
5 Friday in May of each year.

6 B. The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the
7 seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
8 January of each odd numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon
9 for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by
10 Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant
11 to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not later than
12 five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday
13 in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

14 C. During each year the Legislature may consider measures for
15 the appropriation of revenue to fund the expenses of the executive,
16 legislative, and judicial departments of the state, for the payment
17 of interest on the public debt, and such other appropriations as may
18 be authorized by the Oklahoma Constitution.

19 D. During each even-numbered year the Legislature may consider
20 measures for the enactment of new law, the amendment or repeal of
21 existing law, referenda for modifications to the Oklahoma
22 Constitution and such measures not having the force or effect of law
23 as may be provided by the rules of the respective chambers of the
24 Legislature.

1 E. Upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the
2 members of each chamber of the Legislature, the types of measures
3 enumerated in subsection D of this section may be introduced and
4 considered during an odd-numbered year.

5 F. The changes made to this section pursuant to this amendment
6 shall become effective January 1, 2017.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

11 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
14 Section 26 of Article 5. It would allow the Legislature to
15 prepare the budget every year. The Legislature could consider
16 all other types of legislation in even-numbered years. The
17 Legislature, by 3/4 vote of each chamber, could consider
18 nonappropriation measures in odd-numbered years. This amendment
19 would become effective on January 1, 2017.

20 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

21 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

22 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

23 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
24 immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and

1 file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
2 SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
3 Attorney General.

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