

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1032

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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 33 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to approval of
13 revenue-raising measures; providing ballot title; and
14 directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 2ND 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 33 of Article V of the
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 33. A. All bills for raising revenue shall originate
22 in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose amendments
23 to revenue bills.

24 B. No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of
the session.

1 C. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
2 shall not become effective until it has been referred to the people
3 of the state at the next general election held throughout the state
4 and shall become effective and be in force when it has been approved
5 by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election and
6 not otherwise, except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this
7 section.

8 D. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives
9 may become law without being submitted to a vote of the people of
10 the state if such bill receives the approval of ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~
11 three-fifths (3/5) of the membership of the House of Representatives
12 and ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ three-fifths (3/5) of the membership of the
13 Senate and is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action. Any
14 such revenue bill shall not be subject to the emergency measure
15 provision authorized in Section 58 of this Article and shall not
16 become effective and be in force until ninety days after it has been
17 approved by the Legislature, and acted on by the Governor.

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

21 BALLLOT TITLE
22 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

23 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:
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1 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section
2 33 of Article 5. This section governs the way in which revenue-
3 raising bills are considered in a session of the Legislature.
4 Under current law, if three-fourths (3/4) of the members of each
5 chamber of the Legislature vote to approve a revenue-raising
6 measure, that measure does not have to be submitted to a vote of
7 the people for their approval. This measure would reduce the
8 three-fourths (3/4) requirement to three-fifths (3/5). If the
9 amendment is adopted, the current voting requirement would be
10 reduced from seventy-five percent (75%) to sixty percent (60%).
11 For the House of Representatives this means the number of votes
12 required for approval of a revenue-raising measure without
13 submitting the question to a vote of the people would change
14 from 76 votes to 61 votes. For the Oklahoma State Senate this
15 means the number of votes required for approval of a revenue-
16 raising measure without submitting the question to a vote of the
17 people would change from 36 votes to 29 votes.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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