

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1035

By: Hickman of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Joint Resolution expressing the legislative intent  
11 of House Joint Resolution No. 1012 of the 1st Session  
12 of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature; stating that the  
13 proposed constitutional amendment will ensure certain  
14 protections; stating the proposed constitutional  
15 amendment is intended to prevent certain government  
16 regulations and restrictions; stating the intent of  
17 the proposed constitutional amendment is to provide  
18 certain communications; and declaring an emergency.

19 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 1012 passed the Oklahoma  
20 Legislature during the first session of Oklahoma's 55th Legislature  
21 in 2015 and will propose a state question that, if approved, would  
22 amend the Oklahoma State Constitution to guarantee farming and  
23 ranching practices in this state.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The legislative intent of the proposed  
constitutional amendment in House Joint Resolution No. 1012 is to

1 ensure that Oklahoma's citizens have access to a secure, nutritious,  
2 abundant and diverse food supply at a reasonable cost and to  
3 preserve and protect agriculture as a vital part of Oklahoma's  
4 economy that provides direct employment opportunities as well as a  
5 significant impact to intrastate, interstate, and international  
6 commerce and trade.

7 The proposed constitutional amendment should be construed to  
8 give the greatest possible defense and deference to Oklahoma's  
9 farmers and ranchers.

10 The proposed constitutional amendment is intended to prevent  
11 unreasonable regulations and government restrictions that inhibit  
12 the ability of Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers to utilize their  
13 knowledge, expertise, judgment, technology and commonly accepted  
14 standards and practices to produce food and animals. Regulations  
15 should only be passed that meet a compelling state interest and only  
16 be utilized when an immediate danger exists to the health, safety or  
17 welfare of the public. An example of compelling state interest  
18 would include, but not be limited to, protecting public drinking  
19 water and preventing the growing of illegal substances.

20 The proposed constitutional amendment is intended to send a  
21 clear signal that Oklahoma recognizes and asserts its sovereign  
22 interest in protecting its agricultural economy and agricultural  
23 community from overregulation and unnecessary government  
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1 interference, in order to preserve and ensure the security of its  
2 citizen's food supply and the state's economic prosperity.

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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