

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 12

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution relating to immigration
8 policy; requesting Congress to introduce a provision
9 to the Refugee Act of 1980 to include for approval by
10 the state to house refugees; and directing
11 distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the federal government is tasked with the immigration
13 policy for the United States of America; and

14 WHEREAS, the Refugee Act of 1980 includes provisions for the
15 President to have authority to place refugees across the country;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the failures of the current administration have created
18 a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan leading to tens of thousands of
19 people seeking refuge; and

20 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised about verifying the
21 identities, backgrounds, and other security factors for those
22 refugees who are to be resettled in Oklahoma; and

1 WHEREAS, approximately 2,000 people will be settled in Oklahoma
2 without the citizens of this state or their elected officials being
3 involved in the settlement process.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
5 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, as duly elected
8 representatives of our constituents and the State, hereby call on
9 the members of our federal delegation in Congress to introduce
10 legislation amending the Refugee Act of 1980 to include a provision
11 that refugees may only be settled in any state of the Union with
12 approval of the duly elected officials of that state, leaving it to
13 each state to determine the methods of such approval requirements
14 for future refugees whether by granting authority to the executive
15 branch of state government, or retaining authority within the
16 legislative branch of state government.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
18 Congressional Delegation, the President of the Senate of the United
19 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
20 States, and the President and Vice President of the United States.

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