

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 14

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 15 of
10 Article IX of the Oklahoma Constitution, which
11 relates to the Corporation Commission; adding two
12 additional members of Commission; providing for
13 appointment and confirmation; clarifying language;
14 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH 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 15 of Article IX of the
20 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

21 Section 15. A. A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to
22 be composed of ~~three~~ five persons, ~~who~~ three of whom shall be
23 elected by the people at a general election for State officers, ~~and~~
24 ~~their~~ with terms of office ~~shall be~~ of six (6) years, and two of
whom shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent

1 of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. In
2 case of a vacancy in ~~said~~ the office of an elected member, the
3 Governor of the State shall fill such vacancy by appointment until
4 the next general election, when a successor shall be elected to fill
5 out any unexpired term.

6 B. No person shall be eligible to serve as Corporation
7 Commissioner for a period of time in excess of twelve (12) years.
8 Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person
9 elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a
10 vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation set
11 forth herein. Any person serving in such position ~~at the time of~~
12 ~~passage of this amendment~~ on November 2, 2010, shall be eligible to
13 complete the term for which he or she has been elected and shall be
14 eligible to serve an additional twelve (12) years thereafter,
15 notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment.

16 C. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to
17 implement the provisions of this subsection.

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 BALLOT 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 Section 15 of Article 9 of the Oklahoma
2 Constitution. This section relates to the members of the
3 Corporation Commission. Under current law, there are three
4 elected members. This measure would add two more members to be
5 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
6 Senate. They would serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A
7 date in the current law relating to term limits is clarified.

8 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

9 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

10 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

11 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
12 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
13 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
14 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
15 General.

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