

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 32

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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 56 of  
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; requiring  
11 appropriations for public education system be made in  
12 bill separate from general appropriation bill;  
13 specifying requirements for such bill; clarifying  
14 language; providing ballot title; and directing  
15 filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
20 the following proposed amendment to Section 56 of Article V of the  
21 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

22 Section 56. A. The general appropriation bill shall embrace  
23 nothing but appropriations for the expenses of the executive,  
24 legislative, and judicial departments of the State, and for interest  
25 on the public debt. Appropriations for operation of the public  
26 education system of this state shall be made in a bill separate from

1 the general appropriation bill, which shall be required to be  
2 enacted into law no later than April 1 prior to the start of the  
3 fiscal year for which such appropriations are being made. The  
4 general appropriation bill shall not be considered by either house  
5 of the Legislature prior to enactment of the bill providing  
6 appropriations for operation of the public education system.

7 B. The salary of no officer or employee of the State, or any  
8 subdivision thereof, shall be increased in ~~such~~ the general  
9 appropriation bill, nor shall any appropriation be made therein for  
10 any such officer or employee, unless ~~his~~ employment and the amount  
11 of ~~his~~ salary for such employee, shall have been already provided  
12 for by law.

13 C. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills,  
14 each embracing but one subject.

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

18 BALLOT TITLE

19 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

20 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

21 This measure amends Section 56 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma  
22 Constitution. It would require that appropriations for the  
23 operation of the public education system of this state be made  
24 in a bill separate from the general appropriation bill. The

1 bill for these appropriations would be required to be enacted  
2 into law no later than April 1. The general appropriation bill  
3 could not be considered by either house of the Legislature  
4 before enactment of the education appropriations bill.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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