

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 38

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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 26 of
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying
11 dates of convening and adjournment of the
12 Legislature; restricting consideration of certain
13 measures; providing exception upon certain vote;
14 allowing consideration of matters and measures other
15 than bills or joint resolutions at any time;
16 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
22 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
23 the following proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the
24 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 26. A. The Legislature shall meet in regular session
at the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday
in February of each year and the regular session shall be finally
adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last

1 Friday in ~~May~~ March of each year. In such session, the Legislature
2 may only consider:

3 1. Measures for the appropriation of revenue to fund the
4 expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of
5 the state and for the payment of interest on the public debt;

6 2. Measures affecting the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of
7 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state
8 law; and

9 3. Measures providing for a reduction in revenues or for
10 additional revenues.

11 B. The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the
12 seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Tuesday in
13 September each year and the regular session shall be finally
14 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last
15 Friday in October of each year. In such session, the Legislature
16 may consider measures other than those specified in subsection A of
17 this section as may be authorized by law or rules of the respective
18 chambers of the Legislature.

19 C. The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the
20 seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
21 January of each odd numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon
22 for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by
23 Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant
24 to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not later than

1 five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday
2 in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

3 D. In a regular session, in addition to those measures
4 specified in subsection A or B of this section, upon an affirmative
5 vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members elected to
6 each House of the Legislature, the Legislature may consider any
7 other measures as may be authorized by law or rules of the
8 respective chambers of the Legislature.

9 E. The provisions of this section shall not restrict the
10 Legislature at any time from considering measures other than bills
11 and joint resolutions or from considering any other matter that may
12 come before it, or either house thereof, as provided by law or rules
13 of the respective chambers of the Legislature. The changes made to
14 this section pursuant to this amendment shall become effective
15 January 1, 2017.

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

19 BALLOT TITLE

20 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

21 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

22 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends
23 Section 26 of Article 5. It would allow the Legislature to
24 consider measures affecting the budget or revenues in a session

1 in February and March every year. The Legislature could
2 consider other types of measures in a session in September and
3 October every year. The Legislature, by 3/4 vote of each
4 chamber, could consider all other types of measures in the
5 restricted sessions. These restrictions would apply to regular
6 sessions. These restrictions would not apply to measures other
7 than bills or joint resolutions or other matters. This
8 amendment would become effective on January 1, 2017.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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