

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 39

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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 the Oklahoma  
10 Constitution by adding a new Section 2.1 to Article  
11 XVII; limiting period of service of elected county  
12 officers; providing exception; providing for persons  
13 serving on certain date; providing ballot title; and  
14 directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH 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 the Oklahoma Constitution by  
20 adding a new Section 2.1 to Article XVII to read as follows:

21 Section 2.1. No person shall be eligible to serve as court  
22 clerk, county sheriff, county clerk, county assessor, county  
23 treasurer or county commissioner, or in other elective county office  
24 established by the Legislature pursuant to the provisions of Section  
2 of this article, for a period of time in excess of twelve (12)  
years. Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a

1 person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a  
2 vacancy in any such office shall not be included in the limitations  
3 set forth herein. Any person serving in such position on November  
4 1, 2016, shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she  
5 has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional twelve  
6 (12) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this  
7 section.

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

11 BALLOT TITLE  
12 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

13 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

14 This measure enacts a new Section 2.1 of Article 17 of the  
15 Oklahoma Constitution. It would prohibit persons from serving  
16 in elective county office for a period of time in excess of 12  
17 years. Years would not need to be consecutive. Years served  
18 for a partial term to fill a vacancy would not be counted toward  
19 the limit. Persons serving on November 1, 2016, could complete  
20 their current terms and would be eligible to serve an additional  
21 12 years afterwards.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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