

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 65

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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 1 of
10 Article IV of the Oklahoma Constitution; allowing
11 member of Legislature to be appointed by Governor as
12 cabinet secretary; providing ballot title; and
13 directing filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

20 Section 1. A. The powers of the government of the State of
21 Oklahoma shall be divided into three separate departments: The
22 Legislative, Executive, and Judicial; and except as provided in this
23 Constitution, the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial departments
24 of government shall be separate and distinct, and neither shall
exercise the powers properly belonging to either of the others.

1 B. Neither the provisions of this section nor any other
2 provision of the Oklahoma Constitution shall prohibit a member of
3 the Legislature from being appointed by the Governor to serve as a
4 cabinet secretary.

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

8 BALLLOT TITLE
9 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

11 This measure amends Section 1 of Article 4 of the Oklahoma
12 Constitution. This section creates three departments of state
13 government: the legislative, executive and judicial
14 departments. This section further provides that no department
15 may exercise powers properly belonging to another department.
16 This measure would allow a member of the Legislature to be
17 appointed by the Governor to serve as a cabinet secretary.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

21 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
22 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
23 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

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1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.

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