

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 69

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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 21 of
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; allowing the
11 Board on Legislative Compensation to meet upon
12 certain event; authorizing suspension of
13 compensation; providing ballot title; and directing
14 filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH 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 21 of Article V of the
20 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

21 Section 21. A. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit
22 members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having
23 interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties
24 and responsibilities.

1 B. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created.
2 ~~Said~~ The Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the
3 Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be
6 from religious organizations, communications media, nonstate-
7 supported educational institutions, labor organizations, and retail
8 business; the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Senate shall be from agricultural and civic organizations; and the
10 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
11 shall be from manufacturing and from professional fields not
12 otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be appointed
13 to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members above provided
14 for, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Director of
15 State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of ~~said~~
16 the Board. The Chairman of ~~said~~ the Board shall be designated by
17 the Governor. Members of the Legislature shall receive such
18 compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative
19 Compensation. If a member of the Legislature is incarcerated due to
20 being charged with a criminal offense and subsequently is found
21 guilty of the offense or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to the
22 offense, the legislator shall return to the state any compensation
23 the legislator received from the state while the legislator was
24 incarcerated prior to the guilty verdict or plea or nolo contendere

1 plea and shall not receive any compensation from the state during
2 any incarceration following such verdict or plea. ~~Said~~ The Board
3 shall each two years review the compensation paid to the members of
4 the Legislature and shall be empowered to change such compensation;
5 such change to become effective on the fifteenth day following the
6 succeeding general election. In addition, the Board is authorized
7 to meet each year if the Legislature fails to comply with Section
8 34.86 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purposes of
9 suspending legislator compensation on terms to be determined by the
10 Board. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation,
11 but shall be entitled to receive necessary travel and subsistence
12 expense as provided by law for other state officers.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE
17 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends Section 21 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma
20 Constitution. The change allows the Board on Legislative
21 Compensation to meet each year if the Legislature fails to
22 present full funding measures for common education to the
23 Governor by certain date. The compensation of legislators may
24 be suspended when that event occurs.

1 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

2 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

3 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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