

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 7

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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 Constitution of the State of
11 Oklahoma; restricting ability of Legislature to
12 consider certain types of measures during even-
13 numbered years; authorizing consideration of certain
14 types of measures during even-numbered years based
15 upon certain vote; providing that provisions not
16 restrict consideration of certain matters; providing
17 an effective date; providing ballot title; and
18 directing filing.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH 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 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma 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

1 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last
2 Friday in May of each year.

3 B. The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the
4 seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
5 January of each odd-numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon
6 for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by
7 Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant
8 to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not later than
9 five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday
10 in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

11 C. In a regular session in any year, the Legislature may
12 consider:

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

16 2. Measures affecting the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of
17 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state
18 law;

19 3. Measures providing for a reduction in revenues or for
20 additional revenues; and

21 4. Measures relating to administrative rules promulgated by
22 state agencies as provided by law.

23 D. In a regular session in an odd-numbered year, in addition to
24 those measures specified in subsection C of this section, the

1 Legislature may consider any other measures as may be authorized by
2 law or rules of the respective chambers of the Legislature.

3 E. In a regular session in an even-numbered year, in addition
4 to those measures specified in subsection C of this section, upon an
5 affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members
6 elected to each House of the Legislature, the Legislature may
7 consider any other measures as may be authorized by law or rules of
8 the respective chambers of the Legislature.

9 F. 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, 2019.

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, revenues or agency

1 administrative rules every year. The Legislature could consider
2 all other types of measures in odd-numbered years. The
3 Legislature, by 2/3 vote of each chamber, could consider all
4 other types of measures in even-numbered years. These
5 restrictions would apply to regular sessions. These
6 restrictions would not apply to measures other than bills or
7 joint resolutions or other matters. This amendment would become
8 effective on January 1, 2019.

9 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

10 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

11 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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