

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 195

By: Treat, David, Thompson,  
Scott, Pederson and Smalley  
of the Senate

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Echols of the House

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7 An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to  
8 the people for their approval or rejection of a  
9 proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by  
10 adding a new Section 7A to Article II; providing that  
11 no provision of the Constitution secures or protects  
12 a right to perform or receive an abortion;  
13 prohibiting certain construction of Constitution;  
14 defining term; providing ballot title; and directing  
15 filing.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
20 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
21 the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by  
22 adding a new Section 7A to Article II to read as follows:

23 Section 7A. A. Nothing in this Constitution secures or  
24 protects the right to perform or receive an abortion, nor shall any  
provision of this Constitution be construed to preclude, invalidate  
or in any way limit, a statute that prohibits abortion, regulates  
abortion or regulates abortion differently from other acts or  
procedures.

1 B. As used in this section, "abortion" means the use or  
2 prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug or other substance or  
3 device intentionally to terminate a pregnancy other than to increase  
4 the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of  
5 the child after live birth, to remove an ectopic pregnancy or to  
6 remove an unborn child who died as the result of a spontaneous  
7 miscarriage, accidental trauma or a criminal assault on the pregnant  
8 female or her unborn child.

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

12 BALLOT TITLE

13 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

14 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 This measure adds a new Section 7A to Article 2 of the Oklahoma  
16 Constitution. The proposed Section 7A states that nothing in  
17 the Oklahoma Constitution secures or protects the right to  
18 perform or receive an abortion. The proposed Section 7A also  
19 states that nothing in the Oklahoma Constitution may be read to  
20 prevent statutes from being enacted that prohibit abortion,  
21 regulate abortion or regulate abortion differently from other  
22 acts or procedures. "Abortion" is defined for the purposes of  
23 this proposed Section 7A as the use or prescription of any  
24 instrument, drug or device intentionally to terminate a

1 pregnancy. The measure exempts from this definition terminating  
2 a pregnancy for certain reasons, such as to preserve the life or  
3 health of an unborn child, to remove an ectopic pregnancy or to  
4 remove an unborn child who died as the result of a spontaneous  
5 miscarriage, accidental trauma or a criminal assault on a  
6 pregnant woman or her unborn child. This measure concerns only  
7 the rights guaranteed by the Oklahoma Constitution. It would  
8 not alter any rights guaranteed by the United States  
9 Constitution.

10 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

11 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

12 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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