

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE JOINT  
5 RESOLUTION 1027

By: Pfeiffer

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
10                   to refer to the people for their approval or  
11                   rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of  
12                   Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
13                   Oklahoma; changing the percentage of legal voters  
14                   from statewide to every congressional district of the  
15                   state for certain petitions; providing ballot title;  
16                   and directing filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
18 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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 Section 2 of Article V of the  
22                   Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

23                   Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the  
24                   initiative, and eight ~~per centum~~ percent (8%) of the legal voters of  
every congressional district of this state shall have the right to  
propose any legislative measure, and fifteen ~~per centum~~ percent

1 (15%) of the legal voters of every congressional district of this  
2 state shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution  
3 by petition, and every ~~such~~ petition shall include the full text of  
4 the measure so proposed. The second power is the referendum, and it  
5 may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety), either by  
7 petition signed by five ~~per centum~~ percent (5%) of the legal voters  
8 of every congressional district of this state or by the Legislature  
9 as other bills are enacted. ~~The ratio and per centum of legal~~  
10 ~~voters hereinbefore stated shall be based upon the total number of~~  
11 ~~votes cast at the last general election for the Office of Governor.~~

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

15 BALLOT TITLE  
16 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

17 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

18 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends a  
19 section pertaining to initiative and referendum petitions. The  
20 amendment changes the percentage of legal voters necessary to  
21 propose certain petitions from statewide to every congressional  
22 district of this state.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

1       AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO \_\_\_\_\_

2       SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall,  
3 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
4 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
5 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
6 General.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/27/2020 – DO PASS.

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