

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1007

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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 10 of  
12 Article X of the Constitution of the State of  
13 Oklahoma; modifying authorized expenditures from  
14 school district building fund; providing for voter  
15 approval; providing ballot title; and directing  
16 filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
18 1ST 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 10 of Article X of the  
22 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

23 Section 10.

24 A. For the purpose of erecting public buildings in counties or  
cities, or for the purpose of raising money for a building and

1 operations fund for a school district which may be used for  
2 erecting, remodeling or repairing school buildings, ~~and~~ for  
3 purchasing furniture or for operations as deemed necessary by a  
4 school district, the rates of taxation herein limited may be  
5 increased, when the rate of such increase and the purpose for which  
6 it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the people,  
7 and a majority of the qualified voters of such county, city, or  
8 school district, voting at such election, shall vote therefor:  
9 Provided, that such increase shall not exceed five (5) mills on the  
10 dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in such county,  
11 city, or school district.

12 B. A school district may upon approval by a majority of the  
13 electors of the district voting on the question make the ad valorem  
14 levy for a building and operations fund under subsection A of this  
15 section permanent. If the question is approved, the levy in the  
16 amount approved as required by this section, shall be made each  
17 fiscal year thereafter until such time as a majority of the electors  
18 of the district voting on the question rescind the making of the  
19 levy permanent. An election on such question shall be held at such  
20 time as a petition is signed by ten percent (10%) of the school  
21 district electors or a recommendation by the board of education of  
22 the school district is made asking that the levies be made each  
23 fiscal year.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

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

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure would provide a means for voters to allow school  
8 districts to expand the permissible uses of ad valorem tax  
9 revenues to include school operations. The Oklahoma  
10 Constitution limits the rate of ad valorem taxation. However,  
11 it permits voters in a school district to approve an increase of  
12 up to five (5) mills (\$5.00 per \$1,000.00 of the assessed value  
13 of taxable property) over this limit for the purpose of raising  
14 money for a school district building fund. Currently, monies  
15 from this building fund may only be used to build, repair, or  
16 remodel school buildings and purchase furniture. This measure  
17 would amend the Constitution to permit voters to approve such a  
18 tax to be used for school operations deemed necessary by the  
19 school district, in addition to the purposes listed above.

20 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

21 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

22 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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