

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1020

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 17A of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; modifying limitation on time served in the
13 Legislature; providing ballot title; and directing
14 filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH 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 17A of Article V of the
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 17A. Any member of the Legislature who is elected to
22 office after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ January 1 of the
23 year following the adoption of this amendment shall be eligible to
24 serve no more than ~~12~~ 20 years in both houses of the Oklahoma State
Legislature; provided a member of the Legislature shall be eligible
to serve no more than 12 years in either the Senate or the House of

1 Representatives. Years in Legislative office need not be
2 consecutive and years of service in both the Senate and the House of
3 Representatives shall be added together and included in determining
4 the total number of Legislative years in office. The years served
5 by any member elected or appointed to serve less than a full
6 Legislative term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included
7 in the ~~12-year~~ limitation set forth herein; but no member who has
8 completed ~~12 years~~ the maximum number of years in office allowed by
9 this section shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term.
10 ~~Any member who is serving a Legislative term in office or who has~~
11 ~~been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective~~
12 ~~date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall~~
13 ~~be eligible to serve an additional 12 years thereafter.~~ This
14 amendment shall be effective on the 1st day of the year following
15 its adoption.

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 changes the
23 total number of years a person can serve in the Oklahoma
24 Legislature. Currently, the maximum number of years a person

1 can serve is 12 years. The amendment would change the maximum
2 number of years to 20 years but would limit the number of years
3 a person could serve in either the Senate or the House of
4 Representatives to 12 years.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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