

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1036

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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 1 of
11 Article XXX of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; allowing State Election Board to offer
13 voter registration forms in multiple languages other
14 than English; providing ballot title; and directing
15 filing.

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

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

22 Section 1. A. As English is the common and unifying language
23 of the State of Oklahoma, all official actions of the state shall be
24 conducted in the English language, except as required by federal law
and subsection B of this section. No person shall have a cause of

1 action against an agency or political subdivision of this state for
2 failure to provide any official government actions in any language
3 other than English. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to
4 diminish or impair the use, study, development, or encouragement of
5 any Native American language in any context or for any purpose. The
6 Legislature shall have the power to implement, enforce and determine
7 the proper application of this Article by appropriate legislation.

8 B. The State Election Board may offer voter registration forms
9 in multiple languages other than English.

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

13 BALLLOT TITLE
14 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

16 This measure amends Section 1 of Article 30 of the Oklahoma
17 Constitution. It allows the State Election Board to offer voter
18 registration forms in multiple languages other than English.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

22 SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall,
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
24 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.

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