

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SJR43
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The conference committee substitute to SJR 43 sends to a vote of the people a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution regarding vacancies in judicial offices. The Constitutional amendment would repeal Section 3 of Article VII-B and amend Section 4 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution. If approved by the voters, the measure would create the Joint Select Committee on Judicial Confirmation to meet for the purpose of considering judicial nominations. The committee is made up of seven members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore; nine members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker serve as ex officio voting members. The Pro Tempore and the Speaker each designate a co-chair. Either co-chair may call a meeting of the committee. To confirm a judicial nomination, a separate majority vote of both the members representing the Senate and the members representing the House is required. Upon confirmation of a judicial nomination, the appointment must be certified by the Secretary of State. The co-chairs of the committee are to request a national criminal history record check on a nominee from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within thirty days of receiving written notification from the Governor of the nomination. The committee is to convene a confirmation hearing on a nominee within 120 days of receiving written notification from the governor. Hearings are to be open to the public. The Legislature is to adopt joint rules in order to implement the provisions.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.