

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1032

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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 the Constitution of  
11 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 2A to  
12 Article I; providing ballot title; and directing  
13 filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
15 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
17 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
18 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
19 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 2A to Article I thereof, to read as  
20 follows:

21 Section 2A. No governmental entity shall pass or enforce any  
22 law, ordinance, order, or rule requiring the closure of any place of  
23 worship for any reason. For purposes of this section, "governmental  
24 entity" means the state or any political subdivision thereof, any

1 statewide or local official, whether appointed or elected, and any  
2 board, commission, or council with rule-making authority. For  
3 purposes of this section, "place of worship" means any real property  
4 used for religious worship by a religious organization entitled to  
5 the religious exemption found in Section 501(c) (3) of Title 26 of  
6 the United States Code.

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

10 BALLOT TITLE

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

12 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

13 This measure adds a new section to the Oklahoma Constitution.

14 It prohibits government entities from closing places of worship

15 for any reason. This measure defines governmental entities as

16 any state or local governments and elected and appointed

17 officials. It also defines governmental entities as any boards,

18 commissions, or councils with the power to make rules. It

19 defines places of worship as real property used for worship by

20 religious organizations that are exempt from federal taxation.

21 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

22 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

23 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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