

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 16

By: Haste of the Senate

3 and

4 O'Donnell of the House
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7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma
10 Constitution by adding a new Section 9E to Article X;
11 allowing for the creation of public infrastructure
12 districts; requiring certain conditions for the
13 creation of a public infrastructure district;
14 allowing municipalities to limit powers of the public
15 infrastructure districts; authorizing additional
16 levies to be imposed for certain purpose; authorizing
17 the Legislature to enact laws necessary for the
18 implementation of public infrastructure districts;
19 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by
adding a new Section 9E to Article X to read as follows:

Section 9E. A. There are hereby created public infrastructure
districts.

1 B. Municipalities may approve the creation of public
2 infrastructure districts, which may incur indebtedness and issue
3 public infrastructure district bonds to pay for all or part of the
4 cost of public improvements within such districts. The cost of all
5 indebtedness so incurred shall be levied and assessed by the board
6 of trustees of a public infrastructure district on the property
7 benefited by such improvements following the passage and approval of
8 the organization of a public infrastructure district pursuant to
9 subsection C of this section. The board shall collect the special
10 assessments so levied and use the same to reimburse the public
11 infrastructure district for the amount paid or to be paid by it on
12 the bonds issued for such improvements not to exceed ten (10) mills
13 for the purpose of providing funds for the purpose of support,
14 organization, operation, and maintenance of such services.

15 C. A public infrastructure district shall not be created unless
16 a petition is filed with the municipality that contains the
17 signatures of one hundred percent (100%) of surface property owners
18 within the applicable area consenting to the creation of the public
19 infrastructure district.

20 D. The municipality may impose limitations on the powers of the
21 public infrastructure district through the governing document
22 presented by the public infrastructure district applicant.

23 E. The levy shall be in addition to all other levies authorized
24 by this Constitution, and when approved, shall be made for the

1 repayment of public infrastructure district bonds issued by the
2 public infrastructure districts for the public improvements agreed
3 upon by the voters of the district as provided by the governing
4 document.

5 F. The Legislature shall be authorized to enact such laws as
6 may be necessary in order to implement public infrastructure
7 districts in this state.

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

11 BALLOT TITLE

12 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

13 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

14 This measure adds a new section of law to the Oklahoma
15 Constitution. It adds Section 9E to Article 10. It allows for
16 the creation of public infrastructure districts. It provides
17 for the issuance of public infrastructure district bonds by the
18 public infrastructure district to pay for all or part of all
19 public improvements implemented by and for the public
20 infrastructure district. It requires a one-hundred-percent
21 approval of surface property owners in the district to become
22 created.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

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AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives