

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 29, 2024

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION NO. 16

By: Haste

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

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

13 C. A public infrastructure district shall not be created
14 unless:

15 1. A petition, if there are any registered voters within the
16 applicable area, is filed with the municipality that contains the
17 signatures of one hundred percent (100%) of registered voters within
18 the applicable area approving the creation of the public
19 infrastructure district; or

20 2. A petition is filed with the municipality that contains the
21 signatures of one hundred percent (100%) of surface property owners
22 within the applicable area consenting to the creation of the public
23 infrastructure district.

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1 D. The municipality may impose limitations on the powers of the
2 public infrastructure district through the governing document
3 presented by the public infrastructure district applicant.

4 E. The levy shall be in addition to all other levies authorized
5 by this Constitution, and when approved, shall be made for the
6 repayment of public infrastructure districts bonds issued by the
7 public infrastructure districts for the public improvements agreed
8 upon by the voters of the district as provided by the governing
9 document.

10 F. The Legislature shall be authorized to enact such laws as
11 may be necessary in order to implement public infrastructure
12 districts in the State of Oklahoma.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE
17 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure adds a new section of law to the State
20 Constitution. It adds Section 9E to Article 10. It allows for
21 the creation of public infrastructure districts. It provides
22 for the issuance of public infrastructure bonds by the public
23 infrastructure district to pay for all or part of all public
24 improvements implemented by the public infrastructure district.

1 It requires a one hundred percent approval of voters in the
2 district to become created.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
12 February 29, 2024 - DO PASS
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