

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 5

By: Hamilton

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new Section 4 to Article XXIV; limiting state questions on ballot to odd-numbered years; requiring proposed constitutional amendments or state questions to receive certain majority vote; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST 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 4 of Article XXIV to read as follows:

Section 4. An amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution or other state question may only be on the ballot in odd-numbered years. No amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution or other state question that removes a right of the residents of this state shall take effect statewide unless:

1 1. A majority of electors statewide vote in favor of the
2 proposed amendment or state question; and

3 2. A majority of electors in two-thirds of all counties in this
4 state vote in favor of the proposed amendment or state question.

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

8 BALLOT TITLE

9 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

11 This measure would create a new Section 4 of Article 24 of the
12 Oklahoma Constitution. The measure would allow state questions
13 on the ballot only in odd-numbered years. It would require a
14 proposed constitutional amendment or state question that removes
15 a right of residents of this state to receive a majority vote of
16 electors statewide and a majority vote of electors in two-thirds
17 of the counties to take effect.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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