

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1026

By: Roberts

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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 Section 2 of  
10 Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
11 Oklahoma; requiring certain percentage of legal  
12 voters be from each congressional district of the  
13 state for certain petitions; providing ballot title;  
14 and directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

21 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the  
22 initiative, and ~~eight per centum~~ eight percent (8%) of the legal  
23 voters shall have the right to propose any legislative measure, and  
24 ~~fifteen per centum~~ eight percent (8%) of the legal voters shall have  
the right to propose amendments to the Constitution by petition, and  
every ~~such~~ petition shall include the full text of the measure so

1 proposed. Of the signatures that need to be collected, at least  
2 fifteen percent (15%) must come from legal voters of each  
3 congressional district of this state. The second power is the  
4 referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for  
5 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety),  
6 either by petition signed by five ~~per centum~~ percent (5%) of the  
7 legal voters or by the Legislature as other bills are enacted. The  
8 ratio and ~~per centum~~ percent of legal voters hereinbefore stated  
9 shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the last  
10 general election for the Office of Governor.

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

14 BALLOT TITLE

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

16 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

17 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends the  
18 section pertaining to initiative and referendum petitions. The  
19 amendment changes the percentage of legal voters necessary to  
20 propose certain petitions from each congressional district of  
21 this state.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

1           SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall,  
2 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
3 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
4 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
5 General.

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