

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1018

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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; changing the percentage of legal voters
12 from statewide to 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~~ percent (8%) of the legal voters of
23 each congressional district of this state shall have the right to
24 propose any legislative measure, and ~~fifteen per centum~~ twenty
percent (20%) of the legal voters of each congressional district of
this state shall have the right to propose amendments to the

1 Constitution by petition, and every ~~such~~ petition shall include the
2 full text of the measure so proposed. The second power is the
3 referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for
4 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety),
5 either by petition signed by five ~~per centum~~ percent (5%) of the
6 legal voters or by the Legislature as other bills are enacted. The
7 ratio and ~~per centum~~ percent of legal voters hereinbefore stated
8 shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the last
9 general election for the Office of Governor.

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

13 BALLOT TITLE

14 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

22 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

23 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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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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