

SENATE CHAMBER  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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FLOOR AMENDMENT

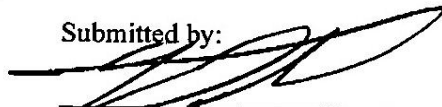
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

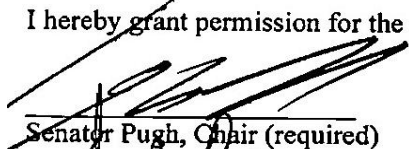
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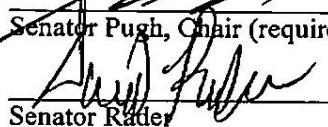
I move to amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, by substituting the attached floor substitute (Request # 1844) for the title, enacting clause, and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

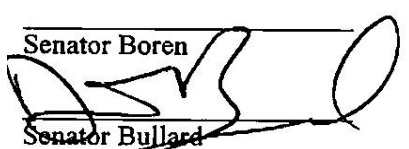
  
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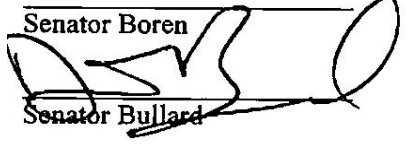
I hereby grant permission for the floor substitute to be adopted.

  
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Senator Pugh, Chair (required)

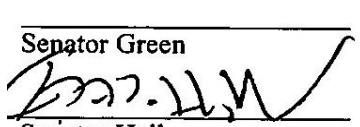
  
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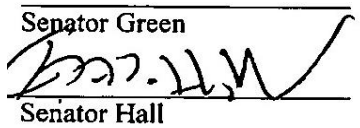
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Senator Paxton, President Pro Tempore

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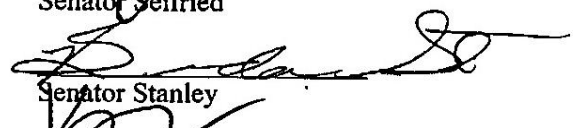
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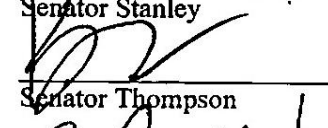
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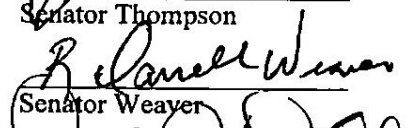
  
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Senator Murdock

  
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Senator Rosino

  
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Senator Seifried

  
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Senator Stanley

  
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Senator Thompson

  
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Senator Weaver

  
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Senator Daniels, Majority Floor Leader

Note: Rules committee majority requires ten (10) members' signatures.

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(Floor Amendments Only)

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Amendment Cycle Extended

Secondary Amendment

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR  
5 SENATE JOINT  
6 RESOLUTION NO. 6

By: Paxton, Guthrie, and  
Bullard

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8 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

9 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
10 to refer to the people for their approval or  
11 rejection the repeal of Section 3 of Article VII-B of  
12 the Oklahoma Constitution, which relates to the  
13 Judicial Nominating Commission, and the proposed  
14 amendment to Sections 1 and 4 of Article VII-B of the  
15 Oklahoma Constitution; modifying applicability of  
16 certain provisions; modifying definition; modifying  
17 certain appointment procedure; requiring Senate  
18 confirmation of certain judicial appointments;  
19 updating language; making language gender neutral;  
20 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH 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 repeal of Section 3 of Article VII-B and the following proposed  
amendment to Sections 1 and 4 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma  
Constitution to read as follows:

1       Section 1. ~~(a) The~~ A. On or after the effective date of this  
2 resolution, the provisions of this Article shall govern the  
3 selection and tenure of all Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges  
4 of the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Civil Appeals of  
5 the State of Oklahoma, to which the provisions hereof may be  
6 extended as hereinafter provided, other provisions of the  
7 Constitution or statutes of the State of Oklahoma to the contrary  
8 notwithstanding, and the provisions of Article VII as proposed by  
9 House Joint Resolution No. 508 of the First Session of the Thirty-  
10 first Oklahoma Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding.

11       ~~(b) B.~~ B. As used in this ~~Section~~ Article, "Judicial Office" means  
12 the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court and Judges of the Court  
13 of Criminal Appeals and Court of Civil Appeals and "Judicial  
14 Officer" means a Justice or Judge of each such court, excluding  
15 retired or supernumerary Justices or Judges.

16       Section 4. When a vacancy in any Judicial Office, however  
17 arising, occurs or is certain to occur, ~~the Judicial Nominating~~  
18 ~~Commission shall choose and submit to the Governor and the Chief~~  
19 ~~Justice of the Supreme Court three (3) nominees, each of whom has~~  
20 ~~previously notified the Commission in writing that he will serve as~~  
21 ~~a Judicial Officer if appointed. The~~ the Governor shall appoint ~~one~~  
22 ~~(1) of the nominees~~ a nominee to fill the vacancy, ~~but if he fails~~  
23 ~~to do so within sixty (60) days the Chief Justice of the Supreme~~  
24 ~~Court shall appoint one (1) of the nominees, the appointment to be~~

1 certified by the Secretary of State with the advice and consent of  
2 the Senate. If the Senate is not in session when a nomination is  
3 made, the Governor may call the Senate into special session to  
4 advise and consent on any such nomination.

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 amend Article 7-B of the Oklahoma  
12 Constitution. The measure would amend Sections 1 and 4 of  
13 Article 7-B to establish a new process for appointing Supreme  
14 Court Justices and Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals and  
15 Court of Civil Appeals to reflect the process established by the  
16 United States Constitution. The Governor will nominate new  
17 Judicial Officers, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The  
18 measure would repeal Section 3 of Article 7-B, which established  
19 the Judicial Nominating Commission.

20 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

21 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

22 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

23 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
24 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file

1 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
3 General.

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