

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1013

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 3 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma and Section 2 of Article XXIV of the
13 Oklahoma Constitution; modifying provisions for voter
14 approval required for modifications to the Oklahoma
15 Constitution as proposed through an initiative
16 petition; modifying provisions for voter approval
17 required for modifications to the Oklahoma
18 Constitution as proposed by the Legislature;
19 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE 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 following proposed amendments to Section 3 of Article V and
Section 2 of Article XXIV of the Constitution of the State of
Oklahoma to read as follows:

1 Section 3. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the
2 Secretary of State not more than ninety (90) days after the final
3 adjournment of the session of the Legislature which passed the bill
4 on which the referendum is demanded. The veto power of the Governor
5 shall not extend to measures voted on by the people. All elections
6 on measures referred to the people of the state shall be had at the
7 next election held throughout the state, except when the Legislature
8 or the Governor shall order a special election for the express
9 purpose of making such reference. ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise provided
10 by this section, any measure referred to the people by the
11 initiative or referendum shall take effect and be in force when it
12 shall have been approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon and
13 not otherwise. If any amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution is
14 proposed pursuant to initiative petition, it shall only take effect
15 and be in force when it shall have been approved by sixty percent
16 (60%) of the votes cast thereon and not otherwise.

17 The style of all bills shall be: "Be it Enacted By the People
18 of the State of Oklahoma."

19 Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum
20 shall be filed with the Secretary of State and addressed to the
21 Governor of the state, who shall submit the same to the people. The
22 Legislature shall make suitable provisions for carrying into effect
23 the provisions of this article; provided, that the Legislature may
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1 not modify the provisions of this section with respect to the number
2 of votes required for approval of a measure.

3 Section 2. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may
4 be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if the same
5 shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each
6 of the two (2) houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall,
7 with the yeas and nays thereon, be entered in their journals and
8 referred by the Secretary of State to the people for their approval
9 or rejection, at the next regular general election, except when the
10 Legislature, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, shall order a
11 special election for that purpose. If ~~a majority~~ sixty percent
12 (60%) of all the electors voting on any proposed amendment at such
13 election shall vote in favor thereof, it shall thereby become a part
14 of this Constitution.

15 No proposal for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution
16 which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general
17 subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each
18 proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of
19 proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which
20 embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a
21 single proposal or proposition.

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

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 3 of Article 5 and it amends Section 2 of Article 24. The Oklahoma Constitution provides a way to make amendments either by the initiative petition process or by having the Legislature refer proposed amendments to the people for their approval or rejection. This measure would require that any amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution be approved by sixty percent (60%) of those voting on the question. Sixty percent approval would be required whether the amendment was proposed pursuant to an initiative petition or pursuant to a proposal submitted to the people by the Legislature.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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