

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1016

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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 3 of  
10 Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
11 Oklahoma; modifying authority of the Legislature or  
12 Governor with respect to special election dates for  
13 referred measures; providing ballot title; and  
14 directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH 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 3 of Article V of the  
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 3. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the  
22 Secretary of State not more than ninety (90) days after the final  
23 adjournment of the session of the Legislature which passed the bill  
24 on which the referendum is demanded. The veto power of the Governor  
shall not extend to measures voted on by the people. All elections

1 on measures referred to the people of the state shall be had at the  
2 next election held throughout the state. Any measure referred to  
3 the people by the initiative or referendum shall take effect and be  
4 in force when it shall have been approved by a majority of the votes  
5 cast thereon and not otherwise.

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

8 Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum  
9 shall be filed with the Secretary of State and addressed to the  
10 Governor of the state, who shall submit the same to the people. The  
11 Legislature shall make suitable provisions for carrying into effect  
12 the provisions of this article.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

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

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends  
20 Section 3 of Article 5. This section currently allows the  
21 Legislature or Governor to set a special election date for  
22 measures that are proposed by the people for a statewide vote.

23 This measure would remove the Legislature's and Governor's  
24 ability to set those special election dates. All measures

1 proposed by the people would then appear on the next general  
2 election ballot.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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