

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HJR1048 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Eric Roberts

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR  
5 HOUSE JOINT  
6 RESOLUTION NO. 1048

By: Roberts

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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 the Constitution of  
11 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 4b to  
12 Article III; imposing requirements with respect to  
13 elections; requiring votes to have certain  
14 characteristics; prohibiting votes from having other  
15 characteristics; requiring certain measures to be  
16 limited in content; authorizing enabling legislation;  
17 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
19 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
21 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
22 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
23 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 4b to Article III thereof, to read  
24 as follows:

A. In all elections held by the State Election Board, a county  
election board, or a municipality, the following shall be required:

1        1. A candidate who receives the most votes at an election shall  
2 be certified the winner of that election in the manner prescribed by  
3 the Legislature;

4        2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
5 authority of the Legislature to enact a mandatory primary system as  
6 provided in Section 3 of Article III of this Constitution.

7        B. All elections held by the State Election Board, a county  
8 election board, or a municipality shall be conducted in the  
9 following manner:

10       1. A voter shall vote for only one candidate for the same  
11 office;

12       2. A vote for one candidate shall not be reallocated to another  
13 candidate for the same office; and

14       3. One voter's vote for a candidate for an office shall hold  
15 the same weight as other voters' votes for a candidate for the same  
16 office.

17       C. 1. This section shall remain in effect unless and until it  
18 is repealed by a vote of the people by initiative or referendum as  
19 provided in this Constitution.

20       2. An initiative or referendum to repeal this section shall  
21 contain no subject other than the repeal of this section.

22       D. The Legislature shall have the authority to implement this  
23 section with appropriate legislation.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

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

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would  
8 add a new Section 4A to Article 3. If the measure passes,  
9 elections would have to be conducted in a specific manner.  
10 Elections could only provide for a person to win the election  
11 for an office if that person received the highest number of  
12 votes cast for the particular office. Nothing about this  
13 measure would amend or modify or limit the ability of the  
14 Legislature to provide for a system of primary elections. It  
15 would require a voter to cast only one vote for a person with  
16 respect to any public office. Each vote cast would be required  
17 to have the exact same weight as any other vote cast for the  
18 office. The provisions of this section would remain the law  
19 unless, pursuant to an amendment, to the Constitution by means  
20 of an initiative petition or a measure referred to a vote of the  
21 people by the Legislature. An initiative petition or a  
22 referendum measure could only contain a provision to repeal this  
23 section and could not contain an amendment to this section. The  
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1 Legislature would have the ability to enact laws in order to  
2 implement the provisions of this section.

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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