

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1603

By: Enns

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10 An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to
11 the people for their approval or rejection a proposed
12 amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the
13 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; changing the
14 percentage of legal voters from statewide to each
15 county of the state for certain petitions; providing
16 ballot title; and directing filing.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
20 the following proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the
21 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

22 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the
23 initiative, and eight ~~per centum~~ percent (8%) of the legal voters of
24 each county of this state shall have the right to propose any
legislative measure, and fifteen ~~per centum~~ percent (15%) of the

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

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

15 BALLOT TITLE
16 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

17 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

1 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO _____

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

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/26/2018 - DO PASS,
9 As Amended.

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