1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)
3	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1008 By: Perryman
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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 rejection proposed amendments to Sections 11A, 11B,
L O	11C, 11D and 11E of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; changing procedure for apportionment of the Legislature; modifying
1	composition and appointment procedures for the Commission on Legislative Apportionment; modifying
L2	duties of the Commission; providing ballot title; and directing filing.
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L 5	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
L 6	1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:
L 7	SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
L 8	their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
L 9	the following proposed amendments to Sections 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D and
20	11E of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to
21	read as follows:
22	Section 11A. The apportionment of the Legislature shall be
23	accomplished by the Legislature <u>Nonpartisan Commission on</u>
24	Legislative Apportionment appointed by the Chief Justice of the

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Supreme Court according to the provisions of this article, within
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    ninety (90) legislative days after the convening of the first
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    regular session of the Legislature following each Federal Decennial
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    Census. If the Legislature Commission shall fail or refuse to make
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    such apportionment within the time provided herein, then the
    Commission shall be dissolved and a new Nonpartisan Commission on
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    Legislative Apportionment shall be appointed by the Chief Justice
    and such apportionment shall be accomplished by the newly appointed
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    Bipartisan Nonpartisan Commission on Legislative Apportionment,
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    according to the provisions of this article. The Commission shall
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    be composed of seven (7) members as follows: the Lieutenant
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    Governor, who shall be nonvoting and the chair of the Commission;
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    two members, one republican and one democrat, appointed by the
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    President Pro Tempore of the Senate; two members, one republican and
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    one democrat, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
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    Representatives; and two members, one republican and one democrat,
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    appointed by the Governor; provided, no political party shall have
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    more appointments than another political party.
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        Section 11B. Each order of apportionment rendered by the
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    Bipartisan Nonpartisan Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall
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    be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of State and the
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    Supreme Court and shall be signed by at least four a majority of the
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    members of the Commission.
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Section 11C. Any qualified elector may seek a review of any apportionment order of the Commission, or apportionment law of the legislature, within sixty days from the filing thereof, by filing in the Supreme Court of Oklahoma a petition which must set forth a proposed apportionment more nearly in accordance with this Article. Any apportionment of either the Senate or the House of Representatives, as ordered by the Commission, or apportionment law of the legislature, from which review is not sought within such time, shall become final. The court shall give all cases involving apportionment precedence over all other cases and proceedings; and if said court be not in session, it shall convene promptly for the disposal of the same.

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Section 11D. Upon review, the Supreme Court shall determine whether or not the apportionment order of the Commission or act of the legislature is in compliance with the formula as set forth in this Article and, if so, it shall require the same to be filed or refiled as the case may be with the Secretary of State forthwith, and such apportionment shall become final on the date of said writ. In the event the Supreme Court shall determine that the apportionment order of said Commission or legislative act is not in compliance with the a formula for either the Senate or the House of Representatives as set forth in this Article that is based primarily on population with each district containing the same population as near as practicable, it will remand the matter to the Commission

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with directions to modify its order to achieve conformity with the 1 provisions of this Article. 3 Section 11E. The Supreme Court, upon petition of any qualified 4 elector alleging failure of the Nonpartisan Commission on 5 Legislative Apportionment to timely act, is hereby vested with original jurisdiction to compel, and shall compel, the Commission to 6 make the apportionment as herein provided. It shall also have 7 exclusive jurisdiction of any review hereunder. If more than one petition be filed, the court shall consolidate such proceedings for 10 hearing and disposition, and shall file its opinion and issue its 11 writ within sixty days from the timely filing of such last petition. In the event any action filed hereunder shall be abandoned or 12 13 dismissed, any other qualified elector shall be allowed to intervene 14 within ten days thereof. 15 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional 16 amendments as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in 17 the following form: 18

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. State Question No.

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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This measure amends the State Constitution. It changes the way the Legislature is apportioned each ten years. Currently, the Legislature provides by law for the apportionment and drawing up of legislative districts. The amendment would provide that this

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        function would be accomplished by the Nonpartisan Commission on
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        Legislative Apportionment. The Commission would be selected by
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        the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. If the Commission fails
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        to perform its duty within a certain time, the Chief Justice
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        would appoint a new Commission.
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        SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
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        FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
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        AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO
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        SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,
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    immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and
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    file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in
    SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the
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