1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)
3	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1009 By: Lepak
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6	AS INTRODUCED
7	A Joint Decolution directing the Secretary of State
8	A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Sections 1 and 23
9	of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; making the office of Insurance Commissioner
10	appointed; providing for appointment by the Governor; providing for term of office; providing ballot title;
11	and directing filing.
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14	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
15	1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:
16	SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
17	their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
18	the following proposed amendments to Sections 1 and 23 of Article VI
19	of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:
20	Section 1. A. The Executive authority of the state shall be
21	vested in a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State
22	Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
23	Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor,
24	Commissioner of Insurance and other officers provided by law and

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1 this Constitution, each of whom shall keep his <u>or her</u> office and 2 public records, books and papers at the seat of government, and 3 shall perform such duties as may be designated in this Constitution 4 or prescribed by law.

5 B. The Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor by 6 and with the consent of the Senate for a term of four (4) years to 7 run concurrently with the term of the Governor. <u>Beginning with the</u> 8 <u>term of office of the Governor commencing in 2023, the Insurance</u> 9 <u>Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the</u> 10 <u>consent of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the</u> 11 Governor.

12 Section 23. A. There shall be elected by the qualified 13 electors of the State, at the first general election, a chief 14 officer of the Insurance Department, who shall be styled the 15 "Insurance Commissioner", whose term of office shall be four years: 16 Provided, That the first term of the Insurance Commissioner so 17 elected, shall expire at the time of the expiration of the term of 18 office of the first Governor elected. Beginning with the term of 19 office of the Governor commencing in 2023, the Insurance 20 Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the 21 consent of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the 22 Governor. The Insurance Commissioner shall be at least twenty-five 23 (25) years of age and well versed in insurance matters.

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2 Commissioner for a period of time in excess of eight (8) years 3 Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a period 4 elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a	rson
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5 vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation	1 000
6 forth herein. Any person serving in such position at the time	} of
7 passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete the te	erm for
8 which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to serv	re an
9 additional eight (8) years thereafter, notwithstanding the	
10 provisions of this amendment. The Legislature is hereby authority)rized
11 to enact laws to implement the provisions of this subsection.	
12 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitution	nal
13 amendments as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall	be in
14 the 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 propose	es a
19 change in the method for selection of the Insurance	
20 Commissioner. Currently, the Insurance Commissioner is effectively	lected
21 by the voters of the state. The amendment would change the	nis and
22 provide that the Insurance Commissioner would be appointed	l by
23 the Governor. The Insurance Commissioner would serve at t	the
24 pleasure of the Governor. The changes proposed in this me	easure

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1	would take place beginning with the term of office of the
2	Governor that is to start in 2023.
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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