1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)
3	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1025 By: Hickman
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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 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 23 of
9	Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying provisions related to certain
10	activity authorized for legislators; prohibiting compensation, remuneration or reimbursement from
11 12	state governmental entities for prescribed period; providing exception for legislators returning to
	certain employment; providing ballot title; and directing filing.
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15	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16	1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH 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 23 of Article V of the
20	Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:
21	Section 23. A. No member of the Legislature shall, during the
22	term for which he the member was elected, be appointed or elected to
23	any office or commission in the State $_{m{ au}}$ which shall have been
24	created $_{ au}$ or the emoluments of which shall have been increased,

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1 during his the term of office, nor shall any member to which the 2 member was elected.

B. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no former
member of the Legislature shall be employed by or receive any form
of compensation, payment or expense reimbursement from any state
governmental entity regardless of the source of revenue until July 1
of the year following the end of the term of office for which the
member shall have been elected.

9 <u>C. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not</u>
 10 prohibit a former member of the Legislature from being appointed to
 11 the cabinet system of the Governor.

12 <u>D. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not be</u> 13 <u>applicable to retirement benefit payments or distributions from a</u> 14 <u>governmental tax-qualified retirement plan.</u>

15 E. No member shall receive any appointment from the Governor, 16 the Governor and Senate $_{\tau}$ or from the Legislature $_{\tau}$ during the term 17 for which $\frac{he}{r}$ the member shall have been elected, nor shall any. 18 F. Except as otherwise provided by subsection D of this 19 section, no member shall, during the term for which he the member 20 shall have been elected, or within two (2) years thereafter, be 21 interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the State \overline{r} 22 or any county or other political subdivision thereof, authorized by 23 law passed during the term for which he the member shall have been 24 elected.

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1	G. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a former
2	legislator from receiving the lawful compensation provided by law
3	upon election to another state office.
4	SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
5	amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in
6	the following form:
7	BALLOT TITLE
8	Legislative Referendum No State Question No
9	THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:
10	This measure amends Section 23 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma
11	Constitution. It would prohibit a former legislator from being
12	employed by a state governmental entity until July 1 of the year
13	following the end of the term of office. It would also prohibit
14	a former legislator from receiving any form of compensation,
15	payment or reimbursement from any state governmental entity
16	until July 1 of the year following the end of the term of
17	office. Former legislators could be appointed to the Governor's
18	cabinet. Former legislators could receive retirement money and
19	money paid into a retirement plan. This measure would allow
20	former legislators to be paid if elected to another state
21	office.
22	SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
23	FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
24	AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

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