

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1026

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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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 Section 26 of
11 Article V of the Constitution of the State of
12 Oklahoma; modifying the date for the first day of the
13 first year of a legislative session; modifying
14 purposes for meeting on the first day of the first
15 year of a legislative session; providing ballot
16 title; and directing filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
18 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
20 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
21 the following proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article V of the
22 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

23 Section 26. The Legislature shall meet in regular session at
24 the seat of government at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday in
February of each year and the regular session shall be finally

1 adjourned sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last
2 Friday in May of each year.

3 The Legislature shall also meet in regular session at the seat
4 of government on the ~~First Tuesday after the First Monday in January~~
5 fifteenth day following the General Election of each ~~odd~~ even-
6 numbered year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes
7 only of taking the oath of office, performing the duties as required
8 by Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing
9 pursuant to the provisions of this Article and shall recess not
10 later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following
11 first Monday in February of the ~~same~~ next year, beginning at twelve
12 o'clock noon.

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

17 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It changes when
20 the Legislature meets after the elections to organize.

21 Currently, the Legislature meets in November to be sworn into
22 office. Then, they meet in January to organize. This measure
23 would have them meet only once for both organizing and being
24 sworn in.

1 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

2 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

3 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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