

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1009

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A Resolution asserting sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; serving notice to federal government of certain intent; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States, "The times, places, and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the Legislature thereof; but Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators"; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes that Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States is wholly silent on the matters of voter registration and congressional redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Division A-Voting, Title I-Election Access of H.R. 1, also known as the "For the People Act of 2021", First Session of the 117th Congress, introduced January 4, 2021, concerns the State's processes of voter registration and congressional redistricting; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States specifically provides that, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment limits the scope of federal power; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment was part of the original Bill of Rights, which was proposed on September 25, 1789, ratified by three-fourths of the states, and went into effect on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, when taking the oath of office, all members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives solemnly swear that they will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Oklahoma hereby asserts sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and delegated to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States.

THAT this resolution shall serve notice to the federal government that Division A-Voting, Title I-Election Access of H.R. 1, also known as the "For the People Act of 2021", First Session of the 117th Congress, introduced January 4, 2021, concerning the State's voter registration processes, is hereby declared, by the Oklahoma House of Representatives, to lie beyond the authority delegated to the United States Congress in Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States.

THAT the authorities reserved by the states, as prescribed in the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, shall include the states' prerogative to legislate and regulate their own voter registration processes, as well as the states' right to determine their own congressional boundaries.

THAT suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the

United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____