

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 11

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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
9 rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma
10 Constitution by adding a new Section 10C to Article
11 X; authorizing incorporated cities and towns to levy
12 ad valorem tax for specified purposes with voter
13 approval; limiting amount of tax; authorizing
14 Legislature to enact certain laws to implement
15 provision; defining term; providing ballot title; and
16 directing filing.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
22 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
23 the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by
24 adding a new Section 10C to Article X to read as follows:

Section 10C. A. For the purpose of providing public safety
services in any incorporated city or town of this state, the rates
of ad valorem taxation herein may be increased, when the rate of
such increase and the purpose for which it is intended shall have
been submitted to a vote of the people, and a majority of the

1 qualified voters of such city or town, voting at such election,
2 shall vote therefor: Provided, that such increase shall not exceed
3 ten (10) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the
4 taxable property in such city or town.

5 B. The Legislature shall be authorized to enact such laws as
6 may be necessary in order to implement this provision. For the
7 purposes of this provision, the term "public safety services" shall
8 include the purchase, operation and maintenance of equipment, the
9 payment of salaries and benefits of employees who provide law
10 enforcement and/or fire protection services and costs assessed for
11 housing prisoners of the city or town.

12 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
13 amendment 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 creates a new Section 10C of Article 10 of the
19 Oklahoma Constitution. It allows voters of certain cities or
20 towns to approve an increase in property taxes. The increase is
21 limited to 10 mills on the dollar value of property. The
22 additional tax would be used for public safety services. The
23 Legislature could enact laws needed to implement this provision.
24 It also defines public safety services.

1 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

2 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

3 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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