

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 12

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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 Section 2 of
10 Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution;
11 increasing amount of votes necessary to retain
12 certain officers; providing ballot title; and
13 directing filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 amendment to Section 2 of Article VII-B of
19 the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

20 Section 2. At the general election next before his term
21 expires, any Judicial Officer may seek retention in office by filing
22 with the Secretary of State, not less than sixty (60) days before
23 the date of such election, a declaration of candidacy to succeed
24 himself. Thereupon, at such election, there shall be submitted to

1 the qualified electors of the State, on a separate ballot, without
2 party designation, this question:

3 "Shall (Here insert name of Justice or Judge) of (Here
4 insert the title of the court) be retained in Office?

5 YES

6 NO

7 The question shall be decided by ~~a majority~~ sixty percent (60%)
8 of those voting thereon. If the decision is "yes" the Judicial
9 Officer shall be retained in office for the next ensuing six (6)
10 year term. If the decision is "no", or if no declaration of
11 candidacy is filed, the office shall be vacant upon expiration of
12 the term then being served, and the former Judicial Officer shall
13 not be eligible for appointment to succeed himself. Retention in
14 office may be sought for successive terms without limit as to
15 number, except for retirement as may be provided by the Legislature
16 for a maximum retirement age.

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

20 BALLOT TITLE

21 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

22 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:
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1 This measure amends Section 2 of Article 7-B of the Oklahoma
2 Constitution. It increases to 60% the amount of votes needed to
3 retain a judge in office.

4 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

5 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

6 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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