

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 27, 2019

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 12

By: Dahm

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6 **[Joint Resolution - proposed amendment - amount of
votes - ballot title - filing]**
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9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
12 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
13 the following proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article VII-B of
14 the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

15 Section 2. At the general election next before his term
16 expires, any Judicial Officer may seek retention in office by filing
17 with the Secretary of State, not less than sixty (60) days before
18 the date of such election, a declaration of candidacy to succeed
19 himself. Thereupon, at such election, there shall be submitted to
20 the qualified electors of the State, on a separate ballot, without
21 party designation, this question:

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

24 YES

1 NO

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

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 amends Section 2 of Article 7-B of the Oklahoma
19 Constitution. It increases to 60% the amount of votes needed to
20 retain a judge in office.

21 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

22 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

23 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
7 February 27, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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