

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 16

By: Holt

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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 9 to Article
11 XIII; creating the School Modernization and Renew
12 Teaching Commission until certain date; providing for
13 appointments; requiring submission of certain
14 proposal to the Legislature by certain date;
15 establishing requirements for certain proposal;
16 providing a process for consideration of the proposal
17 by the Legislature; providing for consideration of
18 the proposal by the Governor; providing for
19 expiration; providing ballot title; and directing
20 filing.

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

23 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
24 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by
adding a new Section 9 to Article XIII to read as follows:

Section 9. A. There is hereby created until January 31, 2022,
the School Modernization and Renew Teaching Commission.

1 B. The Commission shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members to
2 be appointed as follows:

3 1. Five members, appointed by the Governor;

4 2. Five members, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
5 Senate; and

6 3. Five members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 C. By December 31, 2021, the Commission shall present to the
9 Governor and both branches of the Legislature proposed legislation
10 that would implement a school district map of Oklahoma that consists
11 of no more than two hundred (200) school districts. To be valid,
12 the proposed legislation shall meet the following standard: The
13 percentage decline in the number of school districts in the state's
14 largest county, either wholly or partially; the percentage decline
15 in the number of school districts in the state's second largest
16 county, either wholly or partially; and the cumulative percentage
17 decline in the number of school districts in the state's remaining
18 seventy-five (75) counties, either wholly or partially, must be
19 within ten (10) percentage points of each other. The Commission
20 shall be prohibited from recommending the closure of any school
21 sites.

22 D. The proposed legislation shall not be subject to amendment
23 by either branch of the Legislature.

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1 E. The Lieutenant Governor shall conduct a drawing to determine
2 which branch of the Legislature considers the proposed legislation
3 first.

4 F. Regardless of any other statutory or constitutional
5 provisions, the proposed legislation shall receive an up-or-down
6 vote by the first branch during the second session of the 58th
7 Oklahoma Legislature. A majority vote shall be required for passage
8 of the proposed legislation.

9 1. If the proposed legislation passes the first branch, the
10 proposed legislation shall receive an up-or-down vote in the
11 opposite branch during the second session of the 58th Oklahoma
12 Legislature.

13 2. If the proposed legislation does not pass the first branch,
14 the proposed legislation shall not be considered in the opposite
15 branch during the second session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature.

16 G. If the proposed legislation is approved by both branches of
17 the Legislature during the second session of the 58th Oklahoma
18 Legislature, it shall be presented to the Governor, who may sign it
19 or veto it during the second session of the 58th Oklahoma
20 Legislature, or within ten (10) days following passage of the
21 proposed legislation. Failure of the Governor to take any action
22 shall constitute approval.

23 H. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31,
24 2022.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE

5 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure adds a new section of law to the State
8 Constitution. It adds Section 9 to Article 13. It creates a
9 commission to propose a new school district map that would
10 contain only 200 school districts. It provides for appointments
11 to the commission. It requires the commission to submit its
12 proposal to the Legislature by a certain date. It establishes
13 requirements that the proposal must meet. It provides a process
14 for how the proposal is to be considered by both branches of the
15 Legislature. It provides for consideration of the proposal by
16 the Governor. It states that this section of the Constitution
17 shall expire on a certain date.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

21 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
22 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
23 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

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1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
2 General.

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