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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
9 to refer to the people for their approval or
10 rejection proposed amendments to the Constitution of
11 the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Article XVIIIA
12 to the Oklahoma Constitution and repealing Article
13 XVII, which relates to counties; authorizing counties
14 to adopt and amend a County Home Rule Charter;
15 directing proposed charter or amendments to be
16 submitted for a public vote; requiring proposed
17 charter or amendments be published in newspaper prior
18 to submission; providing question submitted to the
19 voters under certain circumstances; requiring charter
20 to set forth structure and governing body of county;
21 authorizing the charter to provide for the
22 organization, reorganization, establishment and
23 administration of the government of the county;
24 authorizing the charter to allow changes in county
25 offices and the selection of county officers;
26 authorizing the governing body of a county to become
27 the governing body of a municipality upon majority
28 vote of certain voters; authorizing certain counties
29 to levy, assess and collect certain taxes;
30 authorizing certain counties to borrow monies and
31 issue obligations subject to certain conditions;
32 requiring charters to contain provisions for the
33 abandonment, revocation and amendment of such
34 charter; repealing Article XVII of the Oklahoma
35 Constitution, which relates to counties; providing
36 ballot title; and directing filing.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
4 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
5 the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by
6 repealing Article XVII and adding a new Article XVIIIA, Sections 1
7 through 12, to read as follows:

8 Section 1. Each county in this state, now or hereafter
9 organized, shall be a body politic and corporate.

10 Section 2. There are hereby created, subject to change by the
11 Legislature or by County Home Rule Charter, in and for each
12 organized county of this state, the offices of Judge of the County
13 Court, County Attorney, Clerk of the District Court, County Clerk,
14 Sheriff, County Treasurer, Registrar of Deeds, County Surveyor,
15 Superintendent of Public Instruction, three County Commissioners,
16 and such municipal township officers as are now provided for under
17 the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, except as in this
18 Constitution otherwise provided. The charter for any county of this
19 state that adopts a County Home Rule Charter may authorize the
20 governing body to consolidate or eliminate any county office
21 established by this section and to create new county offices.

22 Section 3. The several counties of the state shall provide, as
23 may be prescribed by law, for those inhabitants who, by reason of
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1 age, infirmity, or misfortune, may have claims upon the sympathy and
2 aid of the county.

3 Section 4. The Legislature shall provide by general laws for
4 the creation of new counties or altering or changing lines and the
5 equitable division of assets and of liabilities, and the original
6 location of county seats in such new counties; provided that every
7 such question shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified
8 electors residing in the territory to be formed into such new county
9 or transferred to another county, and shall be approved by sixty per
10 centum (60%) of the votes cast in the election; provided that no new
11 county shall be formed of less than four hundred (400) square miles
12 taxable area, nor with a population less than fifteen thousand
13 (15,000) people, nor with taxable wealth less than Two Million Five
14 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), as shown by the current
15 tax rolls. Nor shall any territory be taken from an existing county
16 for any purpose bringing the newly created line of such existing
17 county nearer than ten (10) miles to the county seat thereof. Nor
18 shall the taxable area, population, or taxable wealth of the
19 existing county be reduced below that required for a new county.
20 Nor shall any territory, in any case, be transferred from one county
21 to an existing county, if, by such transfer of territory, the county
22 from which the territory be taken will then be smaller in area than
23 the county to which the addition is made; provided that when
24 territory is to be transferred from an existing county to either a

1 new or an existing county, there must be sixty per centum (60%) of
2 the vote cast in such particular territory in favor of the transfer,
3 and, in case the transfer be to an existing county, the acceptance
4 of such territory must first be approved by a majority vote of the
5 electors of the county, at an election to be called and held
6 therefor, as may be provided by law. The limitation as to area,
7 valuation, and population shall not be increased by the Legislature.

8 Section 5. When, at any time hereafter, the aggregate value of
9 all taxable property in any one county be a sum total less than Two
10 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), upon petition
11 of one-fourth (1/4) or more of the qualified electors of such
12 county, as shown by the last general election, signed, verified, and
13 filed with the county commissioners thereof, not less than sixty
14 (60) days before the date of any general election, such county
15 commissioners shall submit, upon the ballot at such next ensuing
16 general election, to the qualified electors of the county, the
17 question: "Shall the county be an unorganized county?" "Yes" or
18 "No." If a majority of the votes cast on this question at such
19 election shall be in the affirmative, such county shall thereafter
20 be unorganized and be attached to and be a part of the adjoining
21 county having the lowest valuation of taxable property, and shall so
22 remain as a district in such county until such time as the qualified
23 electors of such unorganized county shall, by similar petition and
24 vote, declare in favor of separate organized county existence;

1 provided, however, that at all times during such unorganized
2 existence, such county shall have four terms of county court at the
3 county seat therein each year, and the judge of the county court
4 shall appoint a clerk of the county court of the district, from
5 among the qualified electors thereof, who shall keep and maintain
6 the clerk's office at such county seat; provided, further, that
7 while so unorganized, such county shall, in all respects, be part
8 and parcel of the county with which it is united.

9 Section 6. The towns herein named as county seats shall be and
10 remain the county seats of their respective counties until changed
11 by vote of the qualified electors of such county, in the following
12 manner:

13 A. Upon a petition or petitions in writing, signed by twenty-
14 five per centum (25%) of the qualified electors of the county, such
15 per centum to be determined by the total vote cast in such county
16 for the head of the state ticket in the next preceding general
17 election, the petition or petitions being verified by an affidavit
18 showing that the petitioners are qualified electors of the county,
19 and such petition or petitions having been filed with the Governor
20 at any time after four (4) months after the admission of the state
21 into the Union, the Governor shall within thirty (30) days issue a
22 proclamation calling an election to be held in such county not less
23 than sixty (60) nor more than seventy (70) days from the date of the
24 proclamation.

1 Such election shall be held under the provisions of the election
2 laws of the state, and upon such public notice of such election as
3 the Governor in the proclamation may direct; and the Governor shall
4 cause to be placed upon the tickets to be voted at such election,
5 only the names of such towns as may, more than twenty (20) days
6 prior to such election, file with the Governor verified petitions
7 therefor, as above mentioned, signed by not less than three hundred
8 (300) qualified electors of the county.

9 (The word "town," as herein used, shall be construed to mean
10 town, city, or place.)

11 (b) Upon the holding of any such election the board of
12 canvassers shall certify and return the vote to the Governor, who
13 shall thereupon at once declare the result and cause the will of the
14 electors to be carried into effect; provided that in all elections
15 for the removal of any of the county seats named in this
16 Constitution the following rules shall govern, until the county seat
17 is once located by vote of the people, but not later than April 1,
18 1909; provided, further, in case the necessary and proper petition
19 for the holding of an election for the removal of a county seat
20 shall be filed with the Governor, for over six (6) months prior to
21 April 1, 1909, in accordance with the foregoing provisions, and if
22 such election or elections are delayed or postponed on account of
23 any injunction or legal proceedings then the time limit provided in
24 the subdivision of this section, shall be extended the length of

1 time that such election or elections are delayed or postponed by
2 such injunction or legal proceedings.

3 If a majority of all the votes cast in the county at such county
4 seat election shall be in favor of any town, such town shall
5 thereafter be the county seat: Provided, however, that where the
6 county seat named in this Constitution is within six (6) miles of
7 the geographical center of the county (the geographical center to be
8 determined by certificate from the Secretary of State, and the
9 distance to be determined by measurement from the geographical
10 center to the nearest corporate limits of such county seat as they
11 existed on January 21, 1907, it shall require sixty per centum (60%)
12 of the total vote cast at such election by the competing town to
13 effect the removal of such county seat, unless such competing town
14 be more than one (1) mile nearer the geographical center of the
15 county, in which event a majority vote shall suffice; but, if more
16 than two towns are voted for and no town receive the requisite
17 proportion of all the votes cast, then all names of towns voted for
18 on the ballot, except the two receiving the greatest number of
19 votes, shall be dropped; and the Governor shall, in like time and
20 manner, cause to be called and held a second election, at which only
21 the two towns which received the greatest number of votes cast at
22 the first election shall be voted for; and the town receiving the
23 requisite proportion of the votes cast at the second election shall
24 be the county seat; provided that, after April 1, 1909, all county

1 seats shall be subject to removal under the above named provisions;
2 but, the town to which removal is sought must receive two-thirds
3 (2/3) of all votes cast in such county at the election held
4 therefor, and such elections shall not occur at intervals of less
5 than ten (10) years; provided, further, that until after April 1,
6 1909, no public money shall be expended for court house or jail
7 construction unless a vote of the people of such county shall have
8 been taken on the relocation of the county seat.

9 Section 7. Any person or corporation offering money or other
10 thing of value, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of
11 influencing any voter for or against any competing town in such
12 election, shall be deemed guilty of bribery.

13 Section 8. The State of Oklahoma is hereby divided into
14 counties named and described as follows (all descriptions are
15 referred to the Indian Meridian and base line established by the
16 United States Geological Survey, 1895-1899; unless otherwise
17 specifically mentioned):

18 Adair County. Beginning on the township line between townships
19 nineteen and twenty North, at its intersection with the range line
20 between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four East; thence east along
21 the township line to its intersection with the Arkansas State line;
22 thence southward along the Arkansas State line to its intersection
23 with the township line between townships thirteen and fourteen
24 North; thence west along the township line to its intersection with

1 the range line between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four East;
2 thence north along the range line to the point of beginning.
3 Westville is hereby designated the County Seat of Adair County.

4 Alfalfa County. Beginning on the Kansas and Oklahoma State line
5 at its intersection with the range line between ranges twelve and
6 thirteen West; thence eastward along the state line to its
7 intersection with the range line between ranges eight and nine West;
8 thence south along the range line to its intersection with the east
9 and west center section line of township twenty-three North; thence
10 west along the center section line to its intersection with the
11 range line between ranges twelve and thirteen West; thence north
12 along the range line to the point of beginning. Cherokee is hereby
13 designated the County Seat of Alfalfa County.

14 Atoka County. Beginning at the northwest corner of township two
15 North, range twelve East; thence east along the township line
16 between townships two and three North, to its intersection with the
17 range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen East; thence south
18 along the range line to its intersection with the township line
19 between townships one and two North; thence east along the township
20 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges fifteen
21 and sixteen East; thence south along the range line to its
22 intersection with the base line; thence west along the base line to
23 its intersection with the range line between ranges fourteen and
24 fifteen East; thence south along the range line to its intersection

1 with the township line between townships four and five South; thence
2 west along the township line to its intersection with the range line
3 between ranges eight and nine East; thence north along the range
4 line to its intersection with the township line between townships
5 one and two South; thence east along the township line to its
6 intersection with the north and south center section line across
7 range eleven East; thence north along the center section line to its
8 intersection with the base line; thence east along the base line to
9 its intersection with the range line between ranges eleven and
10 twelve East; thence north to the point of beginning. Atoka is
11 hereby designated the County Seat of Atoka County.

12 Beaver County. Beginning at the point where the one hundredth
13 meridian intersects the south line of the State of Kansas; thence
14 westward along the south line of the State of Kansas to its
15 intersection with the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty
16 East of Cimarron meridian; thence south along the range line to its
17 intersection with the north boundary line of the State of Texas;
18 thence eastward along the boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma
19 to its intersection with the one hundredth meridian; thence north
20 along the one hundredth meridian to the point of beginning. Beaver
21 is hereby designated the County Seat of Beaver County.

22 Beckham County. Beginning on the state line between Texas and
23 Oklahoma at its intersection with the east and west center section
24 line across township eleven North; thence east along the section
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1 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-
2 two and twenty-three West; thence north along the range line to its
3 intersection with the east and west center section line across
4 township twelve North; thence east along the center section line to
5 its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty and
6 twenty-one West; thence south along the range line to its
7 intersection with the township line between townships seven and
8 eight North; thence west along the township line to its intersection
9 with the center line of the North Fork of Red River; thence up along
10 the center line of the river to its most westerly intersection with
11 the township line between townships seven and eight North; thence
12 west along the township line to its intersection with the range line
13 between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four West; thence south along
14 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
15 townships six and seven North; thence west along the township line
16 to its intersection with the state line between Texas and Oklahoma;
17 thence north along the state line to the point of beginning. Sayre
18 is hereby designated the County Seat of Beckham County.

19 Blaine County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
20 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
21 provisions of this Constitution. Watonga is hereby designated the
22 County Seat of Blaine County.

23 Bryan County. Beginning on the township line between townships
24 four and five South, at its intersection with the boundary line

1 between the Chickasaw and the Choctaw nations; thence east along the
2 township line to its intersection with the center line of Clear
3 Boggy Creek; thence down along the center line of the Clear Boggy
4 Creek to its intersection with the north and south center section
5 line across range thirteen East; thence south along the center
6 section line to its intersection with the center line of Whitegrass
7 Creek; thence down along the center line of the Whitegrass Creek to
8 its intersection with the state line between Texas and Oklahoma;
9 thence westward along the state line to the center line of the mouth
10 of the Washita River; thence up along the center line of the Washita
11 River to its intersection with the east and west center section line
12 of township five South; thence east along the center section line to
13 its intersection with the boundary line between the Chickasaw and
14 the Choctaw nations; thence north along the boundary line to the
15 point of beginning. Durant is hereby designated the County Seat of
16 Bryan County.

17 Caddo County. Beginning on the range line between ranges
18 thirteen and fourteen West, at its intersection with the township
19 line between townships twelve and thirteen North; thence east along
20 the township line to its intersection with the range line between
21 ranges ten and eleven West; thence south along the range line to its
22 intersection with the township line between townships ten and eleven
23 North; thence east along the township line to its intersection with
24 the center line of the Canadian River; thence down along the center
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1 line of the Canadian River to its intersection with the ninety-
2 eighth meridian; thence south along the ninety-eighth meridian to
3 its intersection with the east and west center section line across
4 township eight North; thence west along the center section line to
5 its intersection with the range line between ranges eight and nine
6 West; thence south along the range line to its intersection with the
7 township line between townships four and five North; thence west
8 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
9 between ranges thirteen and fourteen West; thence north along the
10 range line to the point of beginning. Anadarko is hereby designated
11 the County Seat of Caddo County.

12 Canadian County. The County shall be and remain as it now
13 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma until hereafter changed under
14 the provisions of this Constitution. El Reno is hereby designated
15 the County Seat of Canadian County.

16 Carter County. Beginning on the base line at its intersection
17 with the range line between ranges three and four West; thence east
18 along the base line to its intersection with the range line between
19 ranges one and two West; thence south along the range line to its
20 intersection with the east and west center section line of township
21 two South; thence east along the center section line to its
22 intersection with the center line of the Washita River; thence
23 southwardly along the center line of the Washita River to its
24 intersection with the township line between townships two and three

1 South; thence east along the township line to its intersection with
2 the range line between ranges three and four East; thence south
3 along the range line to the northeast corner of section thirty-six,
4 township four South, range three East; thence west to the northwest
5 corner of section thirty-five in the township and range; thence
6 south along the section line to its intersection with the township
7 line between townships five and six South; thence west along the
8 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
9 three and four West; thence north along the range line to the point
10 of beginning. Ardmore is hereby designated the County Seat of
11 Carter County.

12 Cherokee County. Beginning at the northwest corner of township
13 nineteen North, range twenty-one East; thence east along the
14 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
15 twenty-three and twenty-four East; thence south along the range line
16 to its intersection with the township line between townships
17 thirteen and fourteen North; thence west along the township line to
18 its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty and
19 twenty-one East; thence north along the range line to its
20 intersection with the township line between townships fifteen and
21 sixteen North; thence west along the township line to its
22 intersection with the center line of the Grand River; thence up
23 along the center line of the Grand River to its intersection with
24 the township line between townships eighteen and nineteen North;

1 thence east along the township line to its intersection with the
2 range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one East; thence north
3 along the range line to the point of beginning. Tahlequah is hereby
4 designated the County Seat of Cherokee County.

5 Choctaw County. Beginning on the center line of Clear Boggy
6 Creek at its intersection with the township line between townships
7 four and five South; thence east along the township line to its
8 intersection with the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-
9 one East; thence south along the range line to its intersection with
10 the state line between Texas and Oklahoma; thence westwardly along
11 the state line to the center line of the mouth of Whitegrass Creek;
12 thence up along the center line of the Whitegrass Creek, to its
13 intersection with the north and south center section line across
14 range thirteen East; thence north along the center section line to
15 its intersection with the center line of Clear Boggy Creek; thence
16 up along the center line of the Clear Boggy Creek to the point of
17 beginning. Hugo is hereby designated the County Seat of Choctaw
18 County.

19 Cimarron County. Beginning on the state line between Kansas and
20 Oklahoma at its intersection with the range line between ranges nine
21 and ten East of the Cimarron Meridian; thence westward along the
22 State line of Kansas and of Colorado to its intersection with the
23 Cimarron Meridian; thence south along the Cimarron Meridian to its
24 intersection with the north boundary line of the State of Texas;

1 thence eastward along the Texas State line to its intersection with
2 the range line between ranges nine and ten East of the Cimarron
3 Meridian; thence north along the range line to the point of
4 beginning. Kenton is hereby designated the County Seat of Cimarron
5 County.

6 Cleveland County. The County shall be and remain as it now
7 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed
8 under the provisions of this Constitution. Norman is hereby
9 designated the County Seat of Cleveland County.

10 Coal County. Beginning at the northwest corner of township
11 three North, range nine East; thence east along the township line
12 between townships three and four North, to its intersection with the
13 range line between ranges eleven and twelve East; thence south along
14 the range line to its intersection with the base line; thence west
15 along the base line to its intersection with the north and south
16 center section line across range eleven East; thence south along the
17 center section line to its intersection with the township line
18 between townships one and two South; thence west along the township
19 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges seven
20 and eight East; thence north along the range line to its
21 intersection with the township line between townships two and three
22 North; thence east along the township line to its intersection with
23 the range line between ranges eight and nine East; thence north
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1 along the range line to the point of beginning. Lehigh is hereby
2 designated the County Seat of Coal County.

3 Comanche County. Beginning on the township line between
4 townships four and five North, at its intersection with the range
5 line between ranges fifteen and sixteen West; thence east along the
6 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
7 eight and nine West; thence south along the range line to its
8 intersection with the township line between townships two and three
9 North; thence west along the township line to its intersection with
10 the north and south center section line across range nine West;
11 thence south along the center section line to its intersection with
12 the state line between Texas and Oklahoma; thence west along the
13 state line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
14 thirteen and fourteen West; thence north along the range line to its
15 intersection with the north line of township three South; thence
16 west along the township line to the north and south center section
17 line across range fourteen West; thence north along the center
18 section line to the base line; thence west along the base line to
19 the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen West; thence north
20 along the range line to the point of beginning. Lawton is hereby
21 designated the County Seat of Comanche County.

22 Cotton County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
23 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
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1 provisions of this Constitution. Walters is hereby designated the
2 County Seat of Cotton County.

3 Craig County. Beginning on the state line between Kansas and
4 Oklahoma at its intersection with the range line between ranges
5 seventeen and eighteen East; thence eastward along the state line to
6 its intersection with the center line of the Neosho River; thence
7 down along the center line of the Neosho River to its intersection
8 with the range line between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East;
9 thence south along the range line to its intersection with the
10 township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four North;
11 thence west along the township line to its intersection with the
12 range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen East; thence north
13 along the range line to its intersection with the township line
14 between townships twenty-four and twenty-five North; thence west
15 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
16 between ranges seventeen and eighteen East; thence north along the
17 range line to the point of beginning. Vinita is hereby designated
18 the County Seat of Craig County.

19 Creek County. Beginning at the northwest corner of the Creek
20 nation, extending thence east along the boundary line between the
21 Creek nation and Pawnee county to its intersection with the range
22 line between ranges nine and ten East; thence south along the range
23 line to the township line between townships eighteen and nineteen
24 North; thence east along the township line to its intersection with

1 the north and south center section line across range twelve East;
2 thence south along the center section line to the southeast corner
3 of section sixteen, in township sixteen North, range twelve East;
4 thence west along the section line to its intersection with the
5 range line between ranges ten and eleven East; thence south along
6 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
7 townships thirteen and fourteen North; thence west along the
8 township line to its intersection with the west boundary line of the
9 Creek nation; thence northward along the boundary line to the point
10 of beginning. Sapulpa is hereby designated the County Seat of Creek
11 County.

12 Custer County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
13 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
14 provisions of this Constitution. Arapaho is hereby designated the
15 County Seat of Custer County.

16 Delaware County. Beginning at the southwest corner of section
17 six, township twenty-five North, range twenty-two East; thence east
18 along the section line to the Missouri State line; thence southward
19 along the state line of Missouri and of Arkansas to the township
20 line between townships nineteen and twenty North; thence west along
21 the township line to its intersection with the range line between
22 ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence north along the range
23 line to the point of beginning. Grove is hereby designated the
24 County Seat of Delaware County.

1 Dewey County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
2 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
3 provisions of this Constitution. Taloga is hereby designated the
4 County Seat of Dewey County.

5 Ellis County. Beginning on the one hundredth meridian at its
6 intersection with the township line between townships twenty-four
7 and twenty-five North; thence east along the township line to the
8 range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three West; thence
9 south along the range line to its intersection with the township
10 line between townships nineteen and twenty North; thence east along
11 the township line to its intersection with the range line between
12 ranges twenty and twenty-one West; thence south along the range line
13 to its intersection with the center line of the Canadian River
14 (sometimes called South Canadian); thence up along the center line
15 of the river to its intersection with the State line between Texas
16 and Oklahoma; thence north along the State line and the one
17 hundredth meridian to the point of beginning. Grand is hereby
18 designated the County Seat of Ellis County.

19 Garfield County. The County shall be and remain as it now
20 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed
21 under the provisions of this Constitution. Enid is hereby
22 designated the County Seat of Garfield County.

23 Garvin County. Beginning on the range line between ranges four
24 and five West, at its intersection with the township line between

1 townships four and five North; thence east along the township line
2 to its intersection with the range line between ranges three and
3 four East; thence south along the range line to its intersection
4 with east and west center section line across township two North;
5 thence west along the center section line to its intersection with
6 the range line between ranges one and two East; thence south along
7 the range line to its intersection with the section line, two miles
8 north of and parallel to the township line between townships one and
9 two North; thence west along the section line to its intersection
10 with the center line of the Washita River; thence southward along
11 the center line of the Washita River to its intersection with the
12 base line; thence west along the base line to its intersection with
13 the range line between ranges three and four West; thence north
14 along the range line to its intersection with the township line
15 between townships two and three North; thence west along the
16 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
17 four and five West; thence north along the range line to the point
18 of beginning. Pauls Valley is hereby designated the County Seat of
19 Garvin County.

20 Grady County. Beginning on the center line of the Canadian
21 River (sometimes called South Canadian), at its intersection with
22 the ninety-eighth meridian; thence southeastwardly along the center
23 line of the Canadian River to its intersection with the range line
24 between ranges four and five West; thence south along the range line

1 to its intersection with the township line between townships two and
2 three north; thence west along the township line to its intersection
3 with the range line between ranges eight and nine West; thence north
4 along the range line to the east and west center section line across
5 township eight North; thence east along the center section line to
6 its intersection with the ninety-eighth meridian; thence north along
7 the ninety-eighth meridian to the point of beginning. Chickasha is
8 hereby designated the County Seat of Grady County.

9 Grant County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
10 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
11 provisions of this Constitution. Pond Creek is hereby designated
12 the County Seat of Grant County.

13 Greer County. Beginning on the state line between Texas and
14 Oklahoma at its intersection with the township line between
15 townships six and seven North; thence east along the township line
16 to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-three
17 and twenty-four West; thence north along the range line to its
18 intersection with the township line between townships seven and
19 eight North; thence east along the township line to its intersection
20 with the center line of the North Fork of Red River; thence down
21 along the center line of the North Fork of Red River to its
22 intersection with the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty
23 West; thence south along the range line to its intersection with the
24 east and west center section line of township four North; thence

1 west along the center section line to the north and south center
2 section line across range twenty-one West; thence south along the
3 center section line to its intersection with the township line
4 between townships three and four North; thence west along the
5 township line to its intersection with the center line of the Salt
6 Fork of Red River; thence down along the center line of the river to
7 its intersection with the east and west center section line of
8 township three North; thence west along the center section line to
9 its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-three and
10 twenty-four West; thence south along the range line to its
11 intersection with the base line; thence west along the base line to
12 its intersection with the state line between Texas and Oklahoma;
13 thence westward and northward along the state line to the point of
14 beginning. Mangum is hereby designated the County Seat of Greer
15 County.

16 Harmon County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
17 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
18 provisions of this Constitution. Hollis is hereby designated the
19 County Seat of Harmon County.

20 Harper County. Beginning on the one-hundredth meridian at its
21 intersection with the Kansas and Oklahoma state line; thence east
22 along the state line to its second intersection with the center line
23 of the Cimarron River, in range twenty-one West; thence
24 southeastwardly along the center line of the Cimarron River to its

1 intersection with the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty
2 West; thence south along the range line to its intersection with the
3 township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five North;
4 thence west along the township line to its intersection with the one
5 hundredth meridian; thence north along the meridian to the point of
6 beginning. Buffalo is hereby designated the County Seat of Harper
7 County.

8 Haskell County. Beginning on the center line of the Canadian
9 River at its intersection with the range line between ranges
10 seventeen and eighteen East; thence down along the center line of
11 the Canadian River to its intersection with the center line of the
12 Arkansas River; thence down along the center line of the Arkansas
13 River to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-
14 three and twenty-four East; thence south along the range line to its
15 intersection with the township line between townships eight and nine
16 North; thence west along the township line to its intersection with
17 the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three East;
18 thence south along the range line to the northeast corner of section
19 twenty-five, township seven North, range twenty-two East; thence
20 west along the section line to its intersection with the range line
21 between ranges eighteen and nineteen East; thence north along the
22 range line to its intersection with the east and west center section
23 line across township eight North; thence west along the center
24 section line to its intersection with the range line between ranges

1 seventeen and eighteen East; thence north along the range line to
2 the point of beginning. Stigler is hereby designated the County
3 Seat of Haskell County.

4 Hughes County. Beginning on the township line between townships
5 nine and ten North, at the southwest corner of section thirty-five,
6 township ten North, range eight East; thence east along the township
7 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges thirteen
8 and fourteen East; thence south along the range line to its
9 intersection with the center line of the Canadian River (sometimes
10 called South Canadian); thence up along the center line of the
11 Canadian River to its intersection with the range line between
12 ranges eleven and twelve East; thence south along the range line to
13 its intersection with the township line between townships three and
14 four North; thence west along the township line to its intersection
15 with the range line between ranges eight and nine East; thence north
16 along the range line to its intersection with the center line of the
17 Canadian River; thence up along the center line of the Canadian
18 River to its intersection with the east line of the Seminole nation;
19 thence north along the east line of the Seminole nation to its
20 intersection with the township line between townships seven and
21 eight North; thence east along the township line to the southwest
22 corner of section thirty-five, township eight North, range eight
23 East; thence north to the point of beginning. Holdenville is hereby
24 designated the County Seat of Hughes County.

1 Jackson County. Beginning on the range line between ranges
2 nineteen and twenty West, at its intersection with the center line
3 of the North Fork of Red River; thence down along the center line of
4 the river to the state line between Texas and Oklahoma; thence
5 westwardly along the state line to its intersection with the base
6 line; thence east along the base line to its intersection with the
7 range line between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four West; thence
8 north along the range line to its intersection with the east and
9 west center section line of township three North; thence east along
10 the center section line to its intersection with the center line of
11 Salt Fork of Red River; thence up along the center line of the river
12 to its intersection with the township line between townships three
13 and four North; thence east along the township line to the southeast
14 corner of section thirty-three, township four North, range twenty-
15 one West; thence north to the southwest corner of section fifteen of
16 the township and range; thence east along the section line to its
17 intersection with the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty
18 West; thence north along the range line to the point of beginning.
19 Altus is hereby designated the County Seat of Jackson County.

20 Jefferson County. Beginning at the southwest corner of section
21 fifteen, township three South, range nine West; thence east along
22 the section line to its intersection with the range line between
23 ranges three and four West; thence south along the range line to its
24 intersection with the center line of Mud Creek; thence

1 southeastwardly along the center line of the Mud Creek to the state
2 line between Texas and Oklahoma; thence westwardly along the state
3 line to its intersection with the north and south center section
4 line of range nine West; thence north along the center section line
5 to the point of beginning. Ryan is hereby designated the County
6 Seat of Jefferson County.

7 Johnston County. Beginning on the base line at the southeast
8 corner of section thirty-three, township one North, range four East;
9 thence east along the base line to its intersection with the range
10 line between ranges seven and eight East; thence south along the
11 range line to its intersection with the township line between
12 townships one and two South; thence east along the township line to
13 its intersection with the range line between ranges eight and nine
14 East; thence south along the range line to its intersection with the
15 township line between townships four and five South; thence west
16 along the township line to its intersection with the boundary line
17 between the Choctaw and the Chickasaw nations; thence south along
18 the boundary line to its intersection with the east and west center
19 section line across township five South; thence west along the
20 center section line to its intersection with the center line of the
21 Washita River; thence up along the center line of the Washita River
22 to its intersection with the section line one mile north of and
23 parallel to the township line between townships four and five South;
24 thence west along the section line to its intersection with the

1 range line between ranges three and four East; thence north along
2 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
3 townships two and three South; thence east along the township line
4 to its intersection with the north and south center section line
5 across range four East; thence north along the center section line
6 to the point of beginning. Tishomingo is hereby designated the
7 County Seat of Johnston County.

8 Kay County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
9 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
10 provisions of this Constitution. Newkirk is hereby designated the
11 County Seat of Kay County.

12 Kingfisher County. The County shall be and remain as it now
13 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed
14 under the provisions of this Constitution. Kingfisher is hereby
15 designated the County Seat of Kingfisher County.

16 Kiowa County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
17 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
18 provisions of this Constitution. Hobart is hereby designated the
19 County Seat of Kiowa County.

20 Latimer County. Beginning at the northwest corner of section
21 thirty, township seven North, range nineteen East; thence east along
22 the section line to its intersection with the range line between
23 ranges twenty-two and twenty-three East; thence south along the
24 range line to its intersection with the township line between
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1 townships five and six North; thence west along the township line to
2 its intersection with the section line two miles east of the range
3 line between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence south
4 along the section line to its intersection with the township line
5 between townships four and five North; thence west along the
6 township line to its intersection with the section line one mile
7 west of the range line between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two
8 East; thence south along the section line to its intersection with
9 the township line between townships two and three North; thence west
10 along the township line to its intersection with the south and north
11 center section line across range seventeen East; thence north along
12 the center section line to its intersection with the township line
13 between townships six and seven North; thence east along the
14 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
15 eighteen and nineteen East; thence north along the range line to the
16 point of beginning. Wilburton is hereby designated the County Seat
17 of Latimer County.

18 Le Flore County. Beginning on the center line of the Arkansas
19 River at its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-
20 three and twenty-four East; thence down along the center line of the
21 Arkansas River to its intersection with the state line between
22 Arkansas and Oklahoma; thence southward along the state line to its
23 intersection with the base line; thence west along the base line to
24 its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-two and
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1 twenty-three East; thence north along the range line to its
2 intersection with the township line between townships two and three
3 North; thence west along the township line to its intersection with
4 the section line one mile west of the range line between ranges
5 twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence north along the section line
6 to its intersection with the township line between townships four
7 and five North; thence east along the township line to the section
8 line two miles east of the range line between ranges twenty-one and
9 twenty-two East; thence north along the section line to its
10 intersection with the township line between townships five and six
11 North; thence east along the township line to its intersection with
12 the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three East;
13 thence north along the range line to its intersection with the
14 township line between townships eight and nine North; thence east
15 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
16 between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four East; thence north along
17 the range line to the point of beginning. Poteau is hereby
18 designated the County Seat of Le Flore County.

19 Lincoln County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
20 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
21 provisions of this Constitution. Chandler is hereby designated the
22 County Seat of Lincoln County.

23 Logan County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
24 under the Territory of Oklahoma until hereafter changed under the

1 provisions of this Constitution. Guthrie is hereby designated the
2 County Seat of Logan County.

3 Love County. Beginning on the township line between townships
4 five and six South, at its intersection with the range line between
5 ranges three and four West; thence east along the township line to
6 its intersection with the section line between sections two and
7 three, township six South, range three East; thence south along the
8 section line to the northwest corner of section twenty-six in the
9 township; thence east along the section line to the range line
10 between ranges three and four East; thence south along the range
11 line to its intersection with the state line between Texas and
12 Oklahoma; thence westward along the state line to the center line of
13 the mouth of Mud Creek; thence up along the center line of the Mud
14 Creek to its intersection with the range line between ranges three
15 and four West; thence north along the range line to the point of
16 beginning. Marietta is hereby designated the County Seat of Love
17 County.

18 Major County. Beginning on the township line between townships
19 twenty-three and twenty-four North, at its intersection with the
20 range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen West; thence east
21 along the township line to its intersection with the center line of
22 the Cimarron River; thence down along the center line of the
23 Cimarron River to its intersection with the range line between
24 ranges twelve and thirteen West; thence north along the range line

1 to its intersection with the east and west center section line of
2 township twenty-three North; thence east along the center section
3 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges eight
4 and nine West; thence south along the range line to the north line
5 of Kingfisher County; thence westward along the north line of
6 Kingfisher, Blaine, and Dewey Counties to the intersection with the
7 range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen West; thence north
8 along the range line to the point of beginning. Fairview is hereby
9 designated the County Seat of Major County.

10 Marshall County. Beginning at the northwest corner of section
11 thirty-five, in township four South, range three East; thence east
12 along the section line to its intersection with the center line of
13 the Washita River; thence down along the center line of the Washita
14 River to its intersection with the State line between Texas and
15 Oklahoma; thence westward along the state line to its intersection
16 with the range line between ranges three and four East; thence north
17 along the range line to the northeast corner of section twenty-five,
18 township six South, range three East; thence west along the section
19 line to the northwest corner of section twenty-six, in the township
20 and range; thence north to the point of beginning. Madill is hereby
21 designated the County Seat of Marshall County.

22 Mayes County. Beginning on the township line between townships
23 twenty-three and twenty-four North, at its intersection with the
24 range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen East; thence east

1 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
2 between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence south along
3 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
4 townships nineteen and twenty North; thence west along the township
5 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty
6 and twenty-one East; thence south along the range line to its
7 intersection with the township line between townships eighteen and
8 nineteen North; thence west along the township line to its
9 intersection with the range line between ranges seventeen and
10 eighteen East; thence north along the range line to the point of
11 beginning. Pryor Creek is hereby designated the County Seat of
12 Mayes County.

13 Murray County. Beginning on the base line at its intersection
14 with the range line between ranges one and two West; thence east
15 along the base line to its intersection with the center line of the
16 Washita River; thence up along the center line of the Washita River
17 to its intersection with the section line two miles north of and
18 parallel to the township line between townships one and two North;
19 thence east along the section line to its intersection with the
20 range line between ranges one and two East; thence north along the
21 range line to its intersection with the east and west center section
22 line across township two North; thence east along the center section
23 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges three
24 and four East; thence south along the range line to its intersection

1 with the township line between townships one and two North; thence
2 east along the township line to its intersection with the range line
3 between ranges four and five East; thence south along the range line
4 to its intersection with the base line; thence west along the base
5 line to its intersection with the north and south center section
6 line across range four East; thence south along the center section
7 line to its intersection with the township line between townships
8 two and three South; thence west along the township line to its
9 intersection with the center line of the Washita River; thence up
10 along the center line of the Washita River to its intersection with
11 the east and west center section line across township two South;
12 thence west along the center section line to its intersection with
13 the range line between ranges one and two West; thence north along
14 the range line to the point of beginning. Sulphur is hereby
15 designated the County Seat of Murray County.

16 Muskogee County. Beginning on the range line between ranges
17 fourteen and fifteen East, at its intersection with the east and
18 west center section line of township sixteen North, range fifteen
19 East; thence east along the center section line to its intersection
20 with the Arkansas River; thence down along the center line of the
21 Arkansas River to its second intersection with the township line
22 between townships fifteen and sixteen North, in range eighteen East;
23 thence east along the township line to its intersection with the
24 range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one East; thence south

1 along the range line to its intersection with the center line of the
2 Arkansas River; thence down along the center line of the Arkansas
3 River to its intersection with the center line of the Canadian
4 River; thence up along the center line of the Canadian River to its
5 intersection with the range line between ranges eighteen and
6 nineteen East; thence north along the range line to its intersection
7 with the township line between townships twelve and thirteen North;
8 thence west along the township line to the north and south center
9 section line of township thirteen North, range fifteen East; thence
10 north along the center section line to its intersection with the
11 township line between townships fourteen and fifteen North; thence
12 west along the township line to its intersection with the range line
13 between ranges fourteen and fifteen East; thence north along the
14 range line to the point of beginning. Muskogee is hereby designated
15 the County Seat of Muskogee County.

16 McClain County. Beginning on the center line of the Canadian
17 River (sometimes called South Canadian), at its intersection with
18 the range line between ranges four and five West; thence down along
19 the center line of the Canadian River to its intersection with the
20 range line between ranges three and four East; thence south along
21 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
22 townships four and five North; thence west along the township line
23 to its intersection with the range line between ranges four and five
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1 West; thence north along the range line to the point of beginning.

2 Purcell is hereby designated the County Seat of McClain County.

3 McCurtain County. Beginning on the base line at its
4 intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-one and
5 twenty-two East; thence east along the base line to its intersection
6 with the state line between Arkansas and Oklahoma; thence southward
7 along the state line to its intersection with the state line between
8 Texas and Oklahoma; thence northwestward along the state line to its
9 intersection with the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-
10 one East; thence north along the range line to its intersection with
11 the township line between townships three and four South; thence
12 east along the township line to its intersection with the range line
13 between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence north along
14 the range line to the point of beginning. Idabel is hereby
15 designated the County Seat of McCurtain County.

16 McIntosh County. Beginning on the township line between
17 townships twelve and thirteen North, at its intersection with the
18 range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen East; thence east
19 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
20 between ranges eighteen and nineteen East; thence south along the
21 range line to its intersection with the center line of the Canadian
22 River; thence up along the center line of the Canadian River to its
23 intersection with the range line between ranges thirteen and
24 fourteen East; thence north along the range line to its intersection

1 with the township line between townships nine and ten North; thence
2 west along the township line to its intersection with the range line
3 between ranges twelve and thirteen East; thence north along the
4 range line to its intersection with the township line between
5 townships ten and eleven North; thence east along the township line
6 to its intersection with the range line between ranges thirteen and
7 fourteen East; thence north along the range line to the point of
8 beginning. Eufaula is hereby designated the County Seat of McIntosh
9 County.

10 Noble County. The County shall be as it now exists under the
11 Territory of Oklahoma, with township twenty North, range one East,
12 and township twenty North, range one West, added thereto. Perry is
13 hereby designated the County Seat of Noble County.

14 Nowata County. Beginning on the State line between Kansas and
15 Oklahoma at its intersection with the north and south center section
16 line of range fourteen East; thence eastward along the state line to
17 its intersection with the range line between ranges seventeen and
18 eighteen East; thence south along the range line to its intersection
19 with the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five
20 North; thence west along the township line to its intersection with
21 the north and south center section line across range fourteen East;
22 thence north along the center section line to the point of
23 beginning. Nowata is hereby designated the County Seat of Nowata
24 County.

1 Okfuskee County. Beginning on the west boundary line of the
2 Creek nation at its intersection with the township line between
3 townships thirteen and fourteen North; thence east along the
4 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
5 ten and eleven East; thence south along the range line to its
6 intersection with the township line between townships twelve and
7 thirteen North; thence east along the township line to its
8 intersection with the range line between ranges eleven and twelve
9 East; thence south along the range line to its intersection with the
10 township line between townships ten and eleven North; thence east
11 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
12 between ranges twelve and thirteen East; thence south along the
13 range line to its intersection with the township line between
14 townships nine and ten North; thence west along the township line to
15 its intersection with section line two miles west of and parallel to
16 the range line between ranges eight and nine East; thence north
17 along the section line to its intersection with the center line of
18 the North Fork of the Canadian River; thence up along the center
19 line of the river to the southwest corner of the Creek nation in
20 township eleven North; thence along the west boundary line of the
21 Creek nation to the point of beginning. Okemah is hereby designated
22 the County Seat of Okfuskee County.

23 Oklahoma County. The County shall be and remain, as it now
24 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed
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1 under the provisions of this Constitution. Oklahoma City is hereby
2 designated the County Seat of Oklahoma County.

3 Okmulgee County. Beginning on the range line between ranges ten
4 and eleven East, at its intersection with the east and west center
5 section line across township sixteen North; thence east along the
6 center section line to its intersection with the range line between
7 ranges fourteen and fifteen East; thence south along the range line
8 to its intersection with the township line between townships
9 fourteen and fifteen North; thence east along the township line to
10 its intersection with the north and south center section line across
11 range fifteen East; thence south along the center section line to
12 its intersection with the township line between townships twelve and
13 thirteen North; thence west along the township line to its
14 intersection with the range line between ranges thirteen and
15 fourteen East; thence south along the range line to its intersection
16 with the township line between townships ten and eleven North;
17 thence west along the township line to its intersection with the
18 range line between ranges eleven and twelve East; thence north along
19 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
20 townships twelve and thirteen North; thence west along the township
21 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges ten and
22 eleven East; thence north along the range line to the point of
23 beginning. Okmulgee is hereby designated the County Seat of
24 Okmulgee County.

1 Osage County. The Osage Indian Reservation with its present
2 boundaries is hereby constituted one county to be known as Osage
3 County; the present boundaries to remain unchanged until all the
4 lands of the Osage Tribe of Indians shall have been allotted, and
5 until the same shall be changed as provided by the Legislature for
6 changing county lines. Pawhuska is hereby designated the County
7 Seat of Osage County.

8 Ottawa County. Beginning on the state line between Kansas and
9 Oklahoma at its intersection with the center line of the Neosho
10 River; thence east along the state line to its intersection with the
11 Missouri State line; thence southward along the Missouri State line
12 to its intersection with the section line one mile south of and
13 parallel to the south line of township twenty-six North; thence west
14 along the section line to its intersection with the range line
15 between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence north along
16 the range line to its intersection with the center line of the
17 Neosho River; thence up along the center line of the Neosho River to
18 the point of beginning. Miami is hereby designated the County Seat
19 of Ottawa County.

20 Pawnee County. The County shall be and remain as it now exists
21 under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed under the
22 provisions of this Constitution. Pawnee is hereby designated the
23 County Seat of Pawnee County.

1 Payne County. The County shall be as it now exists under the
2 Territory of Oklahoma, with township twenty North, range one East,
3 and township twenty North, range one West, taken therefrom.

4 Stillwater is hereby designated the County Seat of Payne County.

5 Pittsburg County. Beginning on the center line of the Canadian
6 River (sometimes called South Canadian), at its intersection with
7 the range line between ranges eleven and twelve East; thence down
8 along the center line of the Canadian River to its intersection with
9 the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen East; thence
10 south along the range line to its intersection with the east and
11 west center section line of township eight North; thence east along
12 the center section line to its intersection with the range line
13 between ranges eighteen and nineteen East; thence south along the
14 range line to its intersection with the township line between
15 townships six and seven North; thence west along the township line
16 to its intersection with the north and south center section line
17 across range seventeen East; thence south along the center section
18 line to its intersection with the township line between townships
19 one and two North; thence west along the township line to its
20 intersection with the range line between ranges thirteen and
21 fourteen East; thence north along the range line to its intersection
22 with the township line between townships two and three North; thence
23 west along the township line to its intersection with the range line
24 between ranges eleven and twelve East; thence north along the range

1 line to the point of beginning. McAlester is hereby designated the
2 County Seat of Pittsburg County.

3 Pontotoc County. Beginning on the center line of the Canadian
4 River (sometimes called South Canadian), at its intersection with
5 the range line between ranges three and four East; thence down along
6 the center line of the Canadian River to its intersection with the
7 range line between ranges eight and nine East; thence south along
8 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
9 townships two and three North; thence west along the township line
10 to its intersection with the range line between ranges seven and
11 eight East; thence south down along the range line to its
12 intersection with the base line; thence west along the base line to
13 its intersection with the range line between ranges four and five
14 East; thence north along the range line to its intersection with the
15 township line between townships one and two North; thence west along
16 the township line to its intersection with the range line between
17 ranges three and four East; thence north along the range line to the
18 point of beginning. Ada is hereby designated the County Seat of
19 Pontotoc County.

20 Pottawatomie County. The County shall be and remain as it now
21 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed
22 under the provisions of this Constitution. Tecumseh is hereby
23 designated the County Seat of Pottawatomie County.

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1 Pushmataha County. Beginning on the township line between
2 townships two and three North, at its intersection with the north
3 and south center section line across range seventeen East; thence
4 east along the township line to its intersection with the range line
5 between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three East; thence south along
6 the range line to its intersection with the base line; thence west
7 along the base line to its intersection with the range line between
8 ranges twenty-one and twenty-two East; thence south along the range
9 line to its intersection with the township line between townships
10 three and four South; thence west along the township line to its
11 intersection with the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-
12 one East; thence south along the range line to its intersection with
13 the township line between townships four and five South; thence west
14 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
15 between ranges fourteen and fifteen East; thence north along the
16 range line to its intersection with the base line; thence east along
17 the base line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
18 fifteen and sixteen East; thence north along the range line to its
19 intersection with the township line between townships one and two
20 North; thence east along the township line to its intersection with
21 the north and south center section line across range seventeen East;
22 thence north along the center section line to the point of
23 beginning. Antlers is hereby designated the County Seat of
24 Pushmataha County.

1 Roger Mills County. Beginning on the state line between Texas
2 and Oklahoma at its intersection with the center line of the
3 Canadian River (sometimes called South Canadian); thence down along
4 the center line of the river to its intersection with the range line
5 between ranges twenty and twenty-one West; thence south along the
6 range line to its intersection with the east and west center section
7 line across township twelve North; thence west along the section
8 line to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-
9 two and twenty-three West; thence south along the range line to its
10 intersection with the east and west center section line across
11 township eleven North; thence west along the section line to its
12 intersection with the state line between Texas and Oklahoma; thence
13 northward along the state line to the point of beginning. Cheyenne
14 is hereby designated the County Seat of Roger Mills County.

15 Rogers County. Beginning on the township line between townships
16 twenty-four and twenty-five North at its intersection with the north
17 and south center section line across range fourteen East; thence
18 east along the township line to the range line between ranges
19 eighteen and nineteen East; thence south along the range line to the
20 township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four North;
21 thence west along the township line to the range line between ranges
22 seventeen and eighteen East; thence south along the range line to
23 its intersection with the township line between townships eighteen
24 and nineteen North; thence west along the township line to its

1 intersection with the center line of the Verdigris River; thence up
2 along the center line of the Verdigris River to its intersection
3 with the township line between townships nineteen and twenty North;
4 thence west along the township line to its intersection with the
5 north and south center section line across range fourteen East;
6 thence north along the center section line to the township line
7 between townships twenty-one and twenty-two North; thence west along
8 the township line to the range line between ranges thirteen and
9 fourteen East; thence north along the range line to the township
10 line between townships twenty-two and twenty-three North; thence
11 east along the township line to the north and south center section
12 line across range fourteen East; thence north along the center
13 section line to the point of beginning. Claremore is hereby
14 designated the County Seat of Rogers County.

15 Seminole County. Beginning at a point where the east boundary
16 line of the Seminole nation intersects the center line of the South
17 Canadian River; thence north along the east boundary line of the
18 Seminole nation to its intersection with the township line between
19 townships seven and eight North; thence east along the township line
20 to the southwest corner of section thirty-five, township eight
21 North, range eight East; thence north along the section line between
22 sections thirty-four and thirty-five, in the township and range,
23 projected to its intersection with the center line of the North
24 Canadian River; thence westward along the center line of the river

1 to its intersection with the east boundary line of Pottawatomie
2 County; thence southward along the east boundary line to its
3 intersection with the center line of the South Canadian River;
4 thence down along the center line of the river to the point of
5 beginning. Wewoka is hereby designated the County Seat of Seminole
6 County.

7 Sequoyah County. Beginning on the township line between
8 townships thirteen and fourteen North, at its intersection with the
9 range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one East; thence east
10 along the township line to its intersection with the state line
11 between Arkansas and Oklahoma; thence southward along the state line
12 to its intersection with the center line of the Arkansas River;
13 thence up along the center line of the Arkansas River to its
14 intersection with the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-
15 one East; thence north along the range line to the point of
16 beginning. Sallisaw is hereby designated the County Seat of
17 Sequoyah County.

18 Stephens County. Beginning on the township line between
19 townships two and three North, at its intersection with the north
20 and south center section line across range nine West; thence east
21 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
22 between ranges three and four West; thence south along the range
23 line to its intersection with the east and west center section line
24 across township three South; thence west along the center section

1 line to its intersection with the north and south center section
2 line across range nine West; thence north along the center section
3 line to the point of beginning. Duncan is hereby designated the
4 County Seat of Stephens County.

5 Texas County. All that part of the former county of Beaver,
6 Territory of Oklahoma, extending from the range line between ranges
7 nineteen and twenty East of the Cimarron Meridian, to the range line
8 between ranges nine and ten East of the Cimarron Meridian. Guymon
9 is hereby designated the County Seat of Texas County.

10 Tillman County. Beginning on the base line at its intersection
11 with the center line of the North Fork of Red River; thence east
12 along the base line to its intersection with the north and south
13 center section line across range fourteen West; thence south along
14 the center section line to its intersection with the township line
15 between townships two and three South; thence east along the
16 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
17 thirteen and fourteen West; thence south along the range line to its
18 intersection with the state line between Texas and Oklahoma; thence
19 westwardly and northwardly along the state line to its intersection
20 with the center line of the mouth of the North Fork of Red River;
21 thence up along the center line of the North Fork of Red River to
22 the point of beginning. Frederick is hereby designated the County
23 Seat of Tillman County.

1 Tulsa County. Beginning at the northeast corner of township
2 nineteen North, range fourteen East; thence south along the range
3 line between ranges fourteen and fifteen East, to its intersection
4 with the township line between townships seventeen and eighteen
5 North; thence west along the township line to its intersection with
6 the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen East; thence
7 south along the range line to its intersection with the east and
8 west center section line across township sixteen North; thence west
9 along the center section line to its intersection with the north and
10 south center section line across range twelve East; thence north
11 along the center section line to its intersection with the township
12 line between townships eighteen and nineteen North; thence west
13 along the township line to its intersection with the range line
14 between ranges nine and ten East; thence north along the range line
15 to its intersection with the north boundary line of the Creek
16 nation; thence eastward along the boundary line to the southeast
17 corner of the Osage nation; thence north along the east boundary
18 line of the Osage nation to its intersection with the township line
19 between townships twenty-two and twenty-three North; thence east
20 along the township line to the range line between ranges thirteen
21 and fourteen East; thence south along the range line to its
22 intersection with the township line between townships twenty-one and
23 twenty-two North; thence east along the township line to its
24 intersection with the north and south center section line across

1 range fourteen East; thence south along the center section line to
2 its intersection with the township line between townships nineteen
3 and twenty North; thence east along the township line to the point
4 of beginning. Tulsa is hereby designated the County Seat of Tulsa
5 County.

6 Wagoner County. Beginning on the township line between
7 townships nineteen and twenty North, at its intersection with the
8 range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen East; thence east
9 along the township line to its intersection with the center line of
10 the Verdigris River; thence down along the center line of the river
11 to its intersection with the township line between townships
12 eighteen and nineteen North; thence east along the township line to
13 its intersection with the center line of Grand River; thence down
14 along the center line of the Grand River to its intersection with
15 the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen North;
16 thence west along the township line to its intersection with the
17 center line of the Arkansas River, in range eighteen East, to
18 correspond with the description of Muskogee County; thence up along
19 the center line of the Arkansas River to its intersection with the
20 east and west center section line across township sixteen North,
21 range fifteen East; thence west along the center section line to its
22 intersection with the range line between ranges thirteen and
23 fourteen East; thence north along the range line to its intersection
24 with the township line between townships seventeen and eighteen

1 North; thence east along the township line to its intersection with
2 the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen East; thence
3 north along the range line to the point of beginning. Wagoner is
4 hereby designated the County Seat of Wagoner County.

5 Washington County. Beginning on the state line between Kansas
6 and Oklahoma at its intersection with the east boundary line of the
7 Osage nation; thence eastward along the state line to its
8 intersection with the north and south center section line across
9 range fourteen East; thence south along the center section line to
10 its intersection with the township line between townships twenty-two
11 and twenty-three North; thence west along the township line to its
12 intersection with the east boundary line of the Osage nation; thence
13 northward along the boundary line to the point of beginning.

14 Bartlesville is hereby designated the County Seat of Washington
15 County.

16 Washita County. The County shall be and remain, as it now
17 exists under the Territory of Oklahoma, until hereafter changed
18 under the provisions of this Constitution. Cordell is hereby
19 designated the County Seat of Washita County.

20 Woods County. Beginning on the state line between Kansas and
21 Oklahoma at its intersection with the center line of the Cimarron
22 River in range twenty-one West; thence eastward along the state line
23 to its intersection with the range line between ranges twelve and
24 thirteen West; thence south along the range line to its intersection

1 with the center line of the Cimarron River; thence up along the
2 center line of the Cimarron River to its intersection with the
3 township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four North;
4 thence west along the township line to its intersection with the
5 range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen West, thence north
6 along the range line to its intersection with the center line of the
7 Cimarron River; thence up along the center line of the Cimarron
8 River to the point of beginning. Alva is hereby designated the
9 County Seat of Woods County.

10 Woodward County. Beginning on the center line of the Cimarron
11 River at its intersection with the range line between ranges
12 nineteen and twenty West; thence southeastwardly along the center
13 line of the Cimarron River to its intersection with the range line
14 between ranges sixteen and seventeen West; thence south along the
15 range line to its intersection with the south boundary line of the
16 County, as it now exists under the Territory of Oklahoma; thence
17 westward along the line to its intersection with the range line
18 between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three West; thence north along
19 the range line to its intersection with the township line between
20 townships twenty-four and twenty-five North; thence east along the
21 township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges
22 nineteen and twenty West; thence north along the range line to the
23 point of beginning. Woodward is hereby designated the County Seat
24 of Woodward County.

1 For any county that has changed its county seat by vote of the
2 qualified electors of such county prior to the enactment of this
3 Article XVIIIA, that county seat shall remain the county seat of the
4 county until changed by vote of the qualified electors of such
5 county.

6 Section 9. Any county in this state may adopt and amend a
7 County Home Rule Charter for county government which specifies those
8 powers appropriate for such government and which are not
9 inconsistent with the Oklahoma Constitution.

10 Section 10. A. Upon passage of a resolution approved by a
11 majority of the members of the board of county commissioners of the
12 county or upon a petition signed by registered voters of the county
13 equal in number to ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes
14 cast in the county for Governor at the immediately preceding
15 gubernatorial election, and upon submission of a proposed charter or
16 amendments to an existing charter to the board of county
17 commissioners, the proposed charter or amendments shall be submitted
18 for a public vote.

19 B. Any proposed charter or amendments to an existing charter
20 shall be published by the board in a newspaper of general
21 circulation in the county on at least two occasions. At least seven
22 (7) days shall elapse between the first and last day of both
23 publications. The first day of the second publication shall be
24 within forty-five (45) days from the date of submission of the

1 proposed charter or amendments to an existing charter. Copies of
2 the proposed charter or amendments to the existing charter shall be
3 made available for distribution to the qualified voters of the
4 county at the place where meetings of the board of county
5 commissioners of the county are usually held.

6 C. Upon the passage of the resolution or initiative petition
7 and submission of the proposed charter or amendments to the board of
8 county commissioners, the county election board shall submit to the
9 voters of the county at the next statewide general election not less
10 than ninety (90) days thereafter, the question: "Shall the proposed
11 charter or amendments for _____ County be adopted?

12 YES

13 NO"

14 The charter or amendments shall become effective if approved by
15 a majority of the voters submitting votes on the question.

16 Section 11. A. A charter shall set forth the structure of the
17 county government and the manner in which it is to function. The
18 charter shall provide for a governing body, which may be other than
19 as presently constituted, which shall be elective for a term not to
20 exceed four (4) years, and service shall be upon the qualifications,
21 terms, plan of representation and conditions of tenure and
22 compensation as may be fixed by the charter. The governing body
23 shall include a minimum of five county commissioners, some or all of
24 whom may be designated as at-large commissioners.

1 B. In addition to the powers and duties provided by the
2 charter, the governing body may exercise all powers and discharge
3 all duties which, in the absence of the provisions of the charter,
4 would devolve by law to the board of county commissioners or any
5 other county governmental board, agency, commission or council. The
6 charter may provide for the organization, reorganization,
7 establishment and administration of the government of the county
8 including the control of, and regulations concerning, the
9 performance of and the compensation for all duties required in the
10 conduct of county affairs. The charter may authorize the governing
11 body to create, consolidate, or eliminate any county office,
12 department or agency, define the duties thereof, fix the
13 compensation for service therein, make the same elective or
14 appointive and prescribe the time, qualifications and conditions of
15 tenure in any such county office, department or agency.

16 C. After a county adopts a County Home Rule Charter, the
17 governing body of a county may become the governing body of any
18 municipality, at least part of which is located in that county,
19 provided the voters of the municipality approve in an election by a
20 majority of the voters submitting votes on the question. Where the
21 municipality extends outside of the county, residents of the
22 municipality who are not residents of the county shall be permitted
23 to cast votes in the election, provided that such votes are counted
24 only for the question of whether the governing body of the county

1 should become the governing body of the municipality and not for any
2 other question relating to county home rule.

3 D. Any county electing to operate pursuant to such charter as
4 authorized by the provisions of this Article shall have the power to
5 levy, assess and collect ad valorem, sales and use taxes pursuant to
6 the provisions of Section 20 of Article X of the Oklahoma
7 Constitution, but shall not otherwise have the power to levy, assess
8 or collect taxes. The limit of the aggregate taxes which may be
9 levied, assessed and collected by such county shall not exceed the
10 limit or total fixed, or hereafter fixed, by the Oklahoma
11 Constitution.

12 E. Any county operating pursuant to such charter as authorized
13 by the provisions of this Article shall have the power to borrow
14 money for all lawful purposes under its charter including the
15 refunding of a lawful debt, in a manner conforming to the Oklahoma
16 Constitution and the general laws of the state and may issue
17 obligations for such purposes. Such obligations and such tax to be
18 levied to meet the liability shall not be valid unless authorized by
19 a vote of the registered voters of the county pursuant to the
20 provisions of the laws of this state. County obligations maturing
21 after a period of five (5) years shall be issued to mature serially,
22 fixing the first maturity of principal at a time not to exceed two
23 (2) years after the date of the issuance of such obligations. The
24 obligations may pledge the full faith and credit of the county, but

1 in no event shall the aggregate obligations so issued, in principal
2 amount outstanding at any one time, exceed the constitutional limits
3 for such obligations and indebtedness. The supporting tax for such
4 obligations shall constitute a first and superior lien upon the
5 property taxable in such county.

6 F. In addition to the powers herein provided and in addition to
7 powers included in a County Home Rule Charter, any county may amend
8 its charter to include powers, functions and duties which may be
9 provided for by the Oklahoma Constitution or by statute.

10 G. Charters adopted shall make appropriate provisions for the
11 abandonment, revocation and amendment of such charter, subject only
12 to the requirement that such abandonment, revocation or amendment
13 must be approved at an election by a majority of the voters
14 submitting votes on the proposition.

15 Section 12. Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of
16 Oklahoma is hereby repealed.

17 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
18 amendments 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:

23 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It enacts
24 Article 17A and repeals Article 17. It authorizes any county to

1 adopt and amend a County Home Rule Charter if approved by a
2 majority vote of the voters in the county. The charter could
3 change the structure of the county government, offices, and the
4 governing body of the county. The governing body of the county
5 that adopted a charter could become the governing body of a
6 municipality if approved by a majority vote of voters in the
7 municipality. The charter could allow the county to charge and
8 collect taxes and borrow money. The charter would describe the
9 method by which it could be amended or dissolved.

10 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

11 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

12 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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