

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 19

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
8 to refer to the people for their approval or
9 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 4 of
10 Article III of the Oklahoma Constitution; allowing
absentee voting only for specified reasons; providing
11 ballot title; making language gender neutral; and
directing filing.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
15 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
16 the following proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article III of the
17 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

18 Section 4. A. The Legislature shall prescribe the time and
19 manner of holding and conducting all elections, and enact such laws
20 as may be necessary to detect and punish fraud in such elections.
21 The Legislature may provide by law for the registration of electors
22 throughout the state and, when it is so provided, no person shall
23 vote at any election unless he or she shall have registered
24 according to law.

1 B. The Legislature shall prescribe the time and manner at which
2 a qualified elector may request and submit an absentee ballot and
3 have the ballot counted in the precinct in which he or she is
4 properly registered, if on the occurrence of any election, the
5 elector will be absent from his or her residence or otherwise unable
6 to vote at the proper polling place because of:

- 7 1. An occupation or business of the elector that requires him
8 or her to be elsewhere;
- 9 2. Illness or physical disability of the elector;
- 10 3. The observance of a religious holiday by the elector; or
- 11 4. Election day duties if the elector is a county employee.

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

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure will amend Section 4 of Article 3 of the Oklahoma
Constitution. The measure will allow absentee voting for
qualified electors only for specific reasons.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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