

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 39

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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 57 of
10 Article V and Section 1 of Article XXIV of the
11 Oklahoma Constitution; removing one subject
12 legislative requirement; deleting obsolete language;
13 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
17 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
18 the following proposed amendment to Section 57 of Article V of the
19 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

20 Section 57. ~~Every act of the Legislature shall embrace but one~~
21 ~~subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title, except~~
22 ~~general appropriation bills, general revenue bills, and bills~~
23 ~~adopting a code, digest, or revision of statutes; and no~~ No law of
24 the Legislature shall be revived, amended, or the provisions thereof
extended or conferred, by reference to its title only; but so much

1 thereof as is revived, amended, extended, or conferred shall be re-
2 enacted and published at length: ~~Provided, That if any subject be~~
3 ~~embraced in any act contrary to the provisions of this section, such~~
4 ~~act shall be void only as to so much of the law as may not be~~
5 ~~expressed in the title thereof.~~

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
7 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
8 the following proposed amendment to Section 1 of Article XXIV of the
9 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

10 Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may
11 be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if the same
12 shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each
13 of the two (2) houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall,
14 with the yeas and nays thereon, be entered in their journals and
15 referred by the Secretary of State to the people for their approval
16 or rejection, at the next regular general election, except when the
17 Legislature, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, shall order a
18 special election for that purpose. If a majority of all the
19 electors voting on any proposed amendment at such election shall
20 vote in favor thereof, it shall thereby become a part of this
21 Constitution.

22 ~~No proposal for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution~~
23 ~~which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general~~
24 ~~subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each~~

1 ~~proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of~~
2 ~~proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which~~
3 ~~embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a~~
4 ~~single proposal or proposition.~~

5 SECTION 3. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional
6 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this act shall be in the
7 following form:

8 BALLOT TITLE

9 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

10 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

11 This measure amends the State Constitution. The current law
12 requires that an act of the Legislature is to contain one
13 subject. The law also provides exceptions to that requirement.
14 The current law also requires that any proposed amendment to the
15 Constitution also certain one subject. The change would remove
16 the one subject requirements and the exceptions. The measure
17 also removes unnecessary language as it relates to removal of
18 the legislative requirement.

19 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

20 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

21 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

22 SECTION 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
24 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

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

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