

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 52

By: Paxton of the Senate

5 and

6 Hilbert of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State  
10 to refer to the people for their approval or  
11 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 33 of  
12 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifying  
13 requirement for approval of certain measures;  
14 establishing new requirement for approval of certain  
15 measures; providing ballot title; and directing  
16 filing.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
20 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
21 the following proposed amendment to Section 33 of Article V of the  
22 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

23 Section 33. A. All bills for raising revenue shall originate  
24 in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose amendments  
to revenue bills.

1 B. No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of  
2 the session.

3 C. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives  
4 shall not become effective until it has been referred to the people  
5 of the state at the next general election held throughout the state  
6 and shall become effective and be in force when it has been approved  
7 by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election and  
8 not otherwise, except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this  
9 section.

10 D. Any revenue bill originating in the House of Representatives  
11 may become law without being submitted to a vote of the people of  
12 the state if such bill receives the approval of ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~  
13 sixty percent (60%) of the membership of the House of  
14 Representatives and ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ sixty percent (60%) of the  
15 membership of the Senate and is submitted to the Governor for  
16 appropriate action. Any such revenue bill shall not be subject to  
17 the emergency measure provision authorized in Section 58 of this  
18 Article and shall not become effective and be in force until ninety  
19 days after it has been approved by the Legislature, and acted on by  
20 the Governor.

21 E. Any bill to lower a tax rate through legislative enactment  
22 shall not be subject to subsections A through D of this section but  
23 shall only become law if such bill receives the approval of sixty  
24 percent (60%) of the membership of the House of Representatives and

1 sixty percent (60%) of the membership of the Senate and is submitted  
2 to the Governor for appropriate action.

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

6 BALLOT TITLE

7 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure amends Section 33 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma  
10 Constitution. The section sets out certain requirements for  
11 bills for raising revenue for the support of state government.  
12 Under current law, a revenue bill must be approved by three-  
13 fourths (3/4ths) of the membership of the House and the Senate.  
14 This would change the amount to sixty percent (60%). It would  
15 also establish a new requirement. A bill to lower a tax rate  
16 would also require approval of sixty percent (60%) of the  
17 membership of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

18 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

19 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

20 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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