

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 7

By: Pederson

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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 2 of  
10 Article V of the Constitution of the State of  
11 Oklahoma; changing the percentage of legal voters  
12 from statewide to every congressional district of the  
13 state for certain petitions; providing ballot title;  
14 and directing filing.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
18 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
19 the following proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the  
20 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

21 Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the  
22 initiative, and eight ~~per centum~~ percent (8%) of the legal voters of  
23 every congressional district of this state shall have the right to  
24 propose any legislative measure, and fifteen ~~per centum~~ percent  
(15%) of the legal voters of every congressional district of this  
state shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution

1 by petition, and every ~~such~~ petition shall include the full text of  
2 the measure so proposed. The second power is the referendum, and it  
3 may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety), either by  
5 petition signed by five ~~per centum~~ percent (5%) of the legal voters  
6 of every congressional district of this state or by the Legislature  
7 as other bills are enacted. The ratio and ~~per centum~~ percentage of  
8 legal voters hereinbefore stated shall be based upon the total  
9 number of votes cast at the last general election for the Office of  
10 Governor.

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

14 BALLOT TITLE

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

16 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

17 This measure amends Section 2 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma  
18 Constitution. It amends a section pertaining to initiative and  
19 referendum petitions. The amendment changes the percentage of  
20 legal voters necessary to propose certain petitions from  
21 statewide to every congressional district of this state.

22 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

23 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

24 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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