

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 1

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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 proposed amendments to Sections 1, 10A, 17,  
10 27A, 29, 33 and 34 of Article V, Sections 5, 11, 14  
11 and 15 of Article VI, Section 3 of Article VIII,  
12 Section 23 of Article X and Section 1 of Article XXIV  
13 of the Oklahoma Constitution and the repeal of  
14 Sections 9A and 28 of Article V of the Oklahoma  
15 Constitution; vesting legislative authority of the  
16 state in one house; providing for apportionment of  
17 state into legislative districts; specifying  
18 qualifications of members of Legislature; providing  
19 procedures for operations of Legislature; deleting  
20 references to two houses of Legislature; modifying  
21 gubernatorial succession; providing an effective  
22 date; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
the following proposed amendments to Sections 1, 10A, 17, 27A, 29,  
33 and 34 of Article V, Sections 5, 11, 14 and 15 of Article VI,  
Section 3 of Article VIII, Section 23 of Article X, and Section 1 of  
Article XXIV of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

1 Article V, Section 1. The Legislative authority of the State  
2 shall be vested in a Legislature, consisting of ~~a Senate and a House~~  
3 ~~of Representatives~~ one house; but the people reserve to themselves  
4 the power to propose laws and amendments to the Constitution and to  
5 enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the  
6 Legislature, and also reserve power at their own option to approve  
7 or reject at the polls any act of the Legislature.

8 Article V, Section 10A. The ~~House of Representatives~~  
9 Legislature shall consist of ~~the number of~~ one hundred one  
10 Representatives ~~as determined by the formula and procedure set forth~~  
11 ~~herein. The number of members of the House of Representatives to~~  
12 ~~which each county shall be entitled shall be determined according to~~  
13 ~~the following formula:~~

14 a. ~~The total population of the state as ascertained by the most~~  
15 ~~recent Federal Decennial Census shall be divided by the number one~~  
16 ~~hundred and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the~~  
17 ~~House of Representatives, except as otherwise provided in this~~  
18 ~~Article.~~

19 b. ~~Every county having a population less than one full ratio~~  
20 ~~shall be assigned one Representative; every county containing an~~  
21 ~~entire ratio but less than two ratios shall be assigned two~~  
22 ~~Representatives; every county containing a population of two entire~~  
23 ~~ratios but less than three ratios shall be assigned three~~  
24 ~~Representatives; and every county containing a population of three~~

1 ~~entire ratios but less than four ratios shall be assigned four~~  
2 ~~Representatives.~~

3 ~~After the first four Representatives, a county shall qualify for~~  
4 ~~additional representation on the basis of two whole ratios of~~  
5 ~~population for each additional Representative.~~

6 ~~Each Representative nominated and elected shall hold office for~~  
7 ~~two years~~ In apportioning the Legislature, consideration shall be  
8 given to population, compactness, area, political units, historical  
9 precedents, economic and political interests, contiguous territory,  
10 and other major factors, to the extent feasible.

11 Each legislative district shall be entitled to one  
12 Representative who shall hold office for two (2) years.

13 Article V, Section 17. Members of the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall  
14 be at least ~~twenty-five years of age, and members of the House of~~  
15 ~~Representatives~~ twenty-one years of age at the time of their  
16 election. They shall be qualified electors in their respective  
17 counties or districts and shall reside in their respective counties  
18 or districts during their term of office.

19 Article V, Section 27A. (1) The Legislature may be called into  
20 special session by a written call for such purposes as may be  
21 specifically set out in the call, signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the  
22 ~~members of the Senate and two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the~~  
23 ~~House of Representatives~~ thereof when it is filed with the President  
24 ~~Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~

1 ~~Representatives~~ Legislature who shall issue ~~jointly~~ an order for the  
2 convening of the special session.

3 (2) Nothing in this section shall prevent the calling of a  
4 special session of the Legislature by the Governor, as provided by  
5 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

6 Article V, Section 29. ~~The House of Representatives~~ Legislature  
7 shall, at the beginning of each regular session and at such other  
8 times as may be necessary, elect one of its members Speaker.

9 Article V, Section 33. A. ~~All bills for raising revenue shall~~  
10 ~~originate in the House of Representatives. The Senate may propose~~  
11 ~~amendments to revenue bills.~~

12 ~~B.~~ No revenue bill shall be passed during the five last days of  
13 the session.

14 ~~C.~~ B. Any revenue bill ~~originating in the House of~~  
15 ~~Representatives~~ shall not become effective until it has been  
16 referred to the people of the state at the next general election  
17 held throughout the state and shall become effective and be in force  
18 when it has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the  
19 measure at such election and not otherwise, except as otherwise  
20 provided in subsection ~~D~~ C of this section.

21 ~~D.~~ C. Any revenue bill ~~originating in the House of~~  
22 ~~Representatives~~ may become law without being submitted to a vote of  
23 the people of the state if such bill receives the approval of three-  
24 fourths (3/4) of the membership of the ~~House of Representatives~~ and

1 ~~three-fourths (3/4) of the membership of the Senate~~ Legislature and  
2 is submitted to the Governor for appropriate action. Any such  
3 revenue bill shall not be subject to the emergency measure provision  
4 authorized in Section 58 of this Article and shall not become  
5 effective and be in force until ninety days after it has been  
6 approved by the Legislature, and acted on by the Governor.

7 Article V, Section 34. Every bill shall be read on three  
8 different days in ~~each House~~ the Legislature, and no bill shall  
9 become a law unless, on its final passage, it be read at length, and  
10 no law shall be passed unless upon a vote of a majority of all the  
11 members elected to ~~each House~~ the Legislature in favor of such law;  
12 and the question, upon final passage, shall be taken upon its last  
13 reading, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal.

14 Article VI, Section 5. The returns of every election for all  
15 elective state officers shall be sealed up and transmitted by the  
16 returning officers to the Secretary of State, directed to the  
17 Speaker of the ~~House of Representatives~~ Legislature, who shall,  
18 immediately after the organization of the ~~House~~ Legislature, and  
19 before proceeding to other business, open and publish the same in  
20 the presence of a majority of ~~each branch of~~ the Legislature, who  
21 shall for that purpose assemble in the hall of the ~~House of~~  
22 ~~Representatives~~ Legislature. The persons respectively having the  
23 highest number of votes for either of the said offices shall be  
24 declared duly elected; but in case two or more shall have an equal

1 and the highest number of votes for either of said offices, the  
2 Legislature shall, forthwith, by joint ballot, choose one of the  
3 said persons so having an equal and the highest number of votes for  
4 said office.

5 Article VI, Section 11. Every bill which shall have passed the  
6 ~~Senate and House of Representatives~~ Legislature, and every  
7 resolution requiring the assent of ~~both branches of~~ the Legislature,  
8 shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor; if ~~he~~  
9 ~~approve~~ the Governor approves, ~~he~~ the Governor shall sign it; if  
10 not, ~~he~~ the Governor shall return it with ~~his~~ objections to the  
11 ~~house in which it shall have originated~~ Legislature, who shall enter  
12 the objections at large in the Journal and proceed to reconsider it.  
13 If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the members elected to  
14 ~~that house~~ the Legislature shall agree to pass the bill or joint  
15 resolution, ~~it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the~~  
16 ~~other house, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered; and, if~~  
17 ~~approved by two-thirds of the members elected to that house, it~~  
18 shall become a law, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.  
19 In all such cases, the vote in ~~both houses~~ the Legislature shall be  
20 determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting  
21 shall be entered on the Journal ~~of each house respectively~~. If any  
22 bill or resolution shall not be returned by the Governor within five  
23 days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to ~~him~~  
24 the Governor, the same shall be a law in like manner as if ~~he~~ the

1 Governor had signed it, unless the Legislature shall, by ~~their~~ its  
2 adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall not become a  
3 law without the approval of the Governor. No bill shall become a  
4 law after the final adjournment of the Legislature, unless approved  
5 by the Governor within fifteen days after such adjournment.

6 Article VI, Section 14. ~~In case of a disagreement between the~~  
7 ~~two houses of the Legislature, at a regular or special session, with~~  
8 ~~respect to the time of adjournment, the Governor may, if the facts~~  
9 ~~be certified to him, by the presiding officer of the house first~~  
10 ~~moving the adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall deem~~  
11 ~~proper, not beyond the day of the next stated meeting of the~~  
12 ~~Legislature.~~ The Governor may convoke the Legislature at or  
13 adjourn it to another place, when, in ~~his~~ the Governor's opinion,  
14 the public safety or welfare, or the safety or health of the members  
15 require it: Provided, however, That such change or adjournment  
16 shall be concurred in by a two-thirds vote of all the members  
17 elected to ~~each branch of~~ the Legislature.

18 Article VI, Section 15. The Lieutenant Governor shall possess  
19 the same qualifications of eligibility for office as the Governor.  
20 ~~He shall be president of the Senate, but shall have only a casting~~  
21 ~~vote therein, and also in joint vote of both houses.~~ If, during a  
22 vacancy of the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall be  
23 impeached, displaced, resign, die or be absent from the State, or  
24 become incapable of performing the duties of the office, ~~the~~

1 ~~president, pro tempore, of the Senate, shall act as Governor until~~  
2 ~~the vacancy be filled or the disability shall cease; and if the~~  
3 ~~president, pro tempore, of the Senate, for any of the above~~  
4 ~~enumerated causes, shall become incapable of performing the duties~~  
5 ~~pertaining to the office of Governor, the Speaker of the House of~~  
6 Representatives Legislature shall act as Governor until the vacancy  
7 be filled or the disability shall cease. Further provisions for  
8 succession to the office of Governor shall be prescribed by law.

9 Article VIII, Section 3. When sitting as a Court of  
10 Impeachment, the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall be presided over by the  
11 Chief Justice, or if ~~he~~ the Chief Justice is absent or disqualified,  
12 then one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to be  
13 selected by it, except in cases where all the members of said court  
14 are absent or disqualified, or in cases of impeachment of any  
15 Justice of the Supreme Court, then the ~~Senate~~ Legislature shall  
16 elect one of its own members as a presiding officer for such  
17 purpose. ~~The House of Representatives shall present all~~  
18 ~~impeachments.~~

19 Article X, Section 23. The state shall never create or  
20 authorize the creation of any debt or obligation, or fund or pay any  
21 deficit, against the state, or any department, institution or agency  
22 thereof, regardless of its form or the source of money from which it  
23 is to be paid, except as may be provided in this section and in  
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1 Sections 24 and 25 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of  
2 Oklahoma.

3 To ensure a balanced annual budget, pursuant to the limitations  
4 contained in the foregoing, procedures are herewith established as  
5 follows:

6 1. Not more than forty-five (45) days or less than thirty-five  
7 (35) days prior to the convening of each regular session of the  
8 Legislature, the State Board of Equalization shall certify the total  
9 amount of revenue which accrued during the last preceding fiscal  
10 year to the General Revenue Fund and to each Special Revenue Fund  
11 appropriated directly by the Legislature, and shall further certify  
12 amounts available for appropriation which shall be based on a  
13 determination, in accordance with the procedure hereinafter  
14 provided, of the revenues to be received by the state under the laws  
15 in effect at the time such determination is made, for the next  
16 ensuing fiscal year, showing separately the revenues to accrue to  
17 the credit of each such fund of the state appropriated directly by  
18 the Legislature.

19 Amounts certified as available for appropriation from each fund,  
20 as hereinbefore provided, shall be ninety-five percent (95%) of an  
21 itemized estimate made by the State Board of Equalization, which  
22 shall include all sources of revenue to each fund for the next  
23 ensuing fiscal year; provided, however, appropriated federal funds  
24 shall be certified for the full amount of the estimate. Said

1 estimate shall consider any increase or decline in revenues that  
2 would result from predictable changes in the economy.

3 Legislative appropriations for any fiscal year, except for  
4 special appropriations provided for in paragraph 6, 7 or 8 shall be  
5 limited to a sum not to exceed the total amount appropriated from  
6 all funds in the preceding fiscal year, plus twelve percent (12%),  
7 adjusted for inflation for the previous calendar year. Said limit  
8 shall be adjusted for funds not previously appropriated. The limit  
9 on the growth of appropriations shall be certified to by the State  
10 Board of Equalization.

11 2. Such certification shall be filed with the Governor, and the  
12 ~~President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker~~  
13 ~~of the House of Representatives~~ Legislature. The Legislature shall  
14 not pass or enact any bill, act or measure making an appropriation  
15 of money for any purpose until such certification is made and filed,  
16 unless the State Board of Equalization has failed to file said  
17 certification at the time of convening of said Legislature. In such  
18 event, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to make such  
19 certification pursuant to the provisions of this section. All  
20 appropriations made in excess of such certification shall be null  
21 and void; provided, however, that the Legislature may at any regular  
22 session or special session, called for that purpose, enact laws to  
23 provide for additional revenues or a reduction in revenues, other  
24 than ad valorem taxes, or transferring the existing revenues or

1 unappropriated cash on hand from one fund to another, or making  
2 provisions for appropriating funds not previously appropriated  
3 directly by the Legislature. Whereupon, it shall be the duty of the  
4 State Board of Equalization to make a determination of the revenues  
5 that will accrue under such laws and ninety-five percent (95%) of  
6 the amount of any increase or decrease resulting, for any reason,  
7 from such changes in laws shall be added to or deducted from the  
8 amount previously certified available for appropriation from each  
9 respective fund, as the case may be. The State Board of  
10 Equalization shall file the amount of such adjusted certification,  
11 or additional certification for funds not previously appropriated  
12 directly by the Legislature, with the Governor, and with the  
13 ~~President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker~~  
14 ~~of the House of Representatives~~ Legislature, and such adjusted  
15 amount shall be the maximum amount which can be appropriated for all  
16 purposes from any such fund for the fiscal year being certified.

17 3. The State Board of Equalization shall meet within five (5)  
18 days after the monthly apportionment in February of each year, and  
19 at that time may adjust the certification, based upon the most  
20 current information available, and determine the amount of funds  
21 available for appropriation for that legislative session. At said  
22 meeting the Board shall determine the limit on the growth of  
23 appropriations as provided for in this section.

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1 4. Surplus funds or monies shall be any amount accruing to the  
2 General Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma over and above the  
3 itemized estimate made by the State Board of Equalization.

4 5. All such surplus funds or monies shall be placed in a  
5 Constitutional Reserve Fund by the State Treasurer until such time  
6 that the amount of said Fund equals fifteen percent (15%) of the  
7 General Revenue Fund certification for the preceding fiscal year.  
8 Appropriations made from said Fund shall be considered special  
9 appropriations.

10 6. a. Up to three-eighths (3/8) of the balance at the  
11 beginning of the current fiscal year in the  
12 Constitutional Reserve Fund may be appropriated for  
13 the forthcoming fiscal year, when the certification by  
14 the State Board of Equalization for said forthcoming  
15 fiscal year General Revenue Fund is less than that of  
16 the current fiscal year certification. In no event  
17 shall the amount of monies appropriated from the  
18 Constitutional Reserve Fund be in excess of the  
19 difference between the two said certifications.

20 b. (1) In years when the provisions of subparagraph a of  
21 this paragraph are not applicable and the balance  
22 at the beginning of the current fiscal year in  
23 the Constitutional Reserve Fund is equal to or  
24 greater than Eighty Million Dollars

1 (\$80,000,000.00), up to Ten Million Dollars  
2 (\$10,000,000.00) may be expended for the purpose  
3 of providing incentives to support retention of  
4 at-risk manufacturing establishments in this  
5 state in order to retain employment for residents  
6 of this state. Such incentives shall be paid by  
7 the Oklahoma Tax Commission upon a unanimous  
8 finding by the Governor, and the Speaker of the  
9 ~~House of Representatives and the President Pro~~  
10 ~~Tempore of the Senate~~ Legislature that:

- 11 (a) such incentives have been recommended by an  
12 independent committee created by the  
13 Legislature for such purposes as provided  
14 herein pursuant to criteria set out by law,  
15 (b) the incentive will result in a substantial  
16 benefit to this state, and  
17 (c) payment of the incentive would be in  
18 accordance with the provisions of this  
19 subparagraph and laws enacted to implement  
20 provisions of this subparagraph.

- 21 (2) The independent committee will be composed of not  
22 less than seven (7) people appointed or otherwise  
23 determined pursuant to laws enacted by the  
24 Legislature providing for membership on the

1 committee. The committee shall make  
2 recommendations to the Governor, and the Speaker  
3 of the ~~House of Representatives and the President~~  
4 ~~Pro Tempore of the Senate~~ Legislature for the  
5 awarding of incentives. Such recommendations  
6 shall give priority to establishments which:

- 7 (a) are at greater risk of losing jobs because  
8 the plant is no longer competitive or  
9 leaving the state and thereby causing the  
10 loss of more employment in this state than  
11 other eligible recipients, and  
12 (b) provide the largest economic impact to the  
13 state.

- 14 (3) For any fiscal year, the incentives shall not  
15 exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount invested  
16 by an establishment in capital assets to be  
17 utilized in this state. Incentives may only be  
18 paid pursuant to an investment contract between  
19 the establishment and a state agency designated  
20 by law, which provides for a specified amount of  
21 investment in a capital asset to be made by the  
22 establishment over a period of not to exceed five  
23 (5) years. No incentive payment shall be made  
24 prior to the actual investment by the

1 establishment. The contract shall make payment  
2 of any incentives in any fiscal year contingent  
3 on the balance at the beginning of such fiscal  
4 year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund being  
5 equal to or greater than Eighty Million Dollars  
6 (\$80,000,000.00) and on the certification by the  
7 State Board of Equalization for such fiscal year  
8 of the amount available for appropriation from  
9 the General Revenue Fund being greater than the  
10 amount certified for the preceding fiscal year.  
11 Investment contracts authorized by this  
12 subparagraph shall provide that if any incentive  
13 payment is payable during a fiscal year in which  
14 either the balance at the beginning of the fiscal  
15 year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund is not  
16 equal to or greater than Eighty Million Dollars  
17 (\$80,000,000.00) or when the certification by the  
18 State Board of Equalization for such fiscal year  
19 General Revenue Fund is less than that of the  
20 immediately prior fiscal year certification, then  
21 any incentive payments which would have been  
22 payable during such fiscal year shall be payable  
23 in the first fiscal year when funds are available  
24 pursuant to the provisions of division (1) of

1                   this subparagraph. In the event that the amount  
2                   of incentives payable under investment contracts  
3                   authorized by this subparagraph is greater than  
4                   the amounts available for payment under this  
5                   subparagraph in a fiscal year, then no new  
6                   contracts may be authorized during such year and  
7                   incentive payments which are made shall be  
8                   reduced pro rata as necessary to apply all  
9                   available funds to incentive payments which are  
10                  payable in such year.

11                  (4) The Legislature is authorized to enact laws  
12                  necessary to implement the provisions of this  
13                  section.

14                  7. Up to three-eighths (3/8) of the balance at the beginning of  
15                  the current fiscal year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund may be  
16                  appropriated for the current fiscal year if the State Board of  
17                  Equalization determines that a revenue failure has occurred with  
18                  respect to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury. In no  
19                  event shall the amount of monies appropriated from the  
20                  Constitutional Reserve Fund pursuant to this paragraph be in excess  
21                  of the amount of the projected revenue failure in the General  
22                  Revenue Fund, which total amount shall be computed by the State  
23                  Board of Equalization, for the entire fiscal year. Monies  
24                  appropriated to any state governmental entity from the



1 Constitutional Reserve Fund pursuant to this paragraph may only be  
2 made in order to ensure that the monies actually received by the  
3 entity for the then current fiscal year are equal to or less than,  
4 but not in excess of, the total appropriation amount for such entity  
5 in effect at the beginning of the then current fiscal year.

6 8. Up to one-quarter (1/4) of the balance at the beginning of  
7 the current fiscal year in the Constitutional Reserve Fund may be  
8 appropriated, upon a declaration by the Governor that emergency  
9 conditions exist, with concurrence of the Legislature by a two-  
10 thirds (2/3) vote of the ~~House of Representatives and Senate~~  
11 Legislature for the appropriation; or ~~said~~ one-quarter (1/4) could  
12 be appropriated upon a ~~joint~~ declaration of emergency conditions by  
13 the Speaker of the ~~House of Representatives and the President Pro~~  
14 ~~Tempore of the Senate~~ Legislature, with a concurrence of a three-  
15 fourths (3/4) vote of the ~~House of Representatives and Senate~~  
16 Legislature.

17 9. That portion of every appropriation, at the end of each  
18 fiscal year, in excess of actual revenues collected and allocated  
19 thereto, as hereinafter provided, shall be null and void. Revenues  
20 deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue  
21 Fund or of any special fund (which derives its revenue in whole or  
22 in part from state taxes or fees) shall, except as to principal and  
23 interest on the public debt, be allocated monthly to each  
24 department, institution, board, commission or special appropriation

1 on a percentage basis, in that ratio that the total appropriation  
2 for such department, institution, board, commission or special  
3 appropriation from each fund for that fiscal year bears to the total  
4 of all appropriations from each fund for that fiscal year, and no  
5 warrant shall be issued in excess of said allocation. Any  
6 department, institution or agency of the state operating on revenues  
7 derived from any law or laws which allocate the revenues thereof to  
8 such department, institution or agency shall not incur obligations  
9 in excess of the unencumbered balance of cash on hand. Nothing in  
10 this section shall prevent, under such conditions and limitations as  
11 shall be prescribed by law, the governing board of an institution of  
12 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
13 Education from contracting with a president of such institution of  
14 higher education for periods extending more than one (1) year, but  
15 not to exceed three (3) years beyond the fiscal year in which the  
16 contract is signed.

17 10. The Legislature shall provide a method whereby  
18 appropriations shall be divided and set up on a monthly, quarterly  
19 or semiannual basis within each fiscal year to prevent obligations  
20 being incurred in excess of the revenue to be collected, and  
21 notwithstanding other provisions of this Constitution, the  
22 Legislature shall provide that all appropriations shall be reduced  
23 to bring them within revenues actually collected, but all such  
24 reductions shall apply to each department, institution, board,

1 commission or special appropriation made by the State Legislature in  
2 the ratio that its total appropriation for that fiscal year bears to  
3 the total of all appropriations from that fund for that fiscal year;  
4 provided, however, that the Governor shall have discretion to issue  
5 deficiency certificates to the State Treasurer for the benefit of  
6 any department, institution or agency of the state, if the amount of  
7 such deficiency certificates be within the limit of the current  
8 appropriation for that department, institution or agency, whereupon  
9 the State Treasurer shall issue warrants to the extent of such  
10 certificates for the payment of such claims as may be authorized by  
11 the Governor, and such warrants shall become a part of the public  
12 debt and shall be paid out of any money appropriated by the  
13 Legislature and made lawfully available therefor; provided further,  
14 that in no event shall said deficiency certificates exceed in the  
15 aggregate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in  
16 any fiscal year.

17 Article XXIV, Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this  
18 Constitution may be proposed in ~~either branch of~~ the Legislature,  
19 and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members  
20 elected to ~~each of the two (2) houses~~ the Legislature, such proposed  
21 amendment or amendments shall, with the yeas and nays thereon, be  
22 entered in ~~their journals~~ the Journal and referred by the Secretary  
23 of State to the people for their approval or rejection, at the next  
24 regular general election, except when the Legislature, by a two-

1 thirds (2/3) vote ~~of each house~~, shall order a special election for  
2 that purpose. If a majority of all the electors voting on any  
3 proposed amendment at such election shall vote in favor thereof, it  
4 shall thereby become a part of this Constitution.

5 No proposal for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution  
6 which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general  
7 subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each  
8 proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of  
9 proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which  
10 embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a  
11 single proposal or proposition.

12 SECTION 2. REPEALER The Secretary of State shall refer  
13 to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner  
14 provided by law, the proposed repeal of Sections 9A and 28 of  
15 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

16 SECTION 3. The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this  
17 resolution shall become effective November 15, 2026.

18 SECTION 4. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
19 amendment as set forth in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of this resolution shall  
20 be in the following form:

21 BALLOT TITLE  
22 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

23 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
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1 This measure amends various sections of Articles 5, 6, 8, 10 and  
2 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution. Under current law, the  
3 legislative authority of the state is vested in the Senate and  
4 the House of Representatives. This measure would vest this  
5 authority in one house only, consisting of 101 legislators.  
6 Qualifications would be the same as for representatives under  
7 current law. Procedures for legislative operations are changed  
8 to provide for one house only. References to the Senate and its  
9 leadership are deleted. Two sections of law in Article 5  
10 referring to the Senate are repealed. The provisions would  
11 become effective November 15, 2026.

12 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

13 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

14 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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