STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 13

By: Holt

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; modifying percentages of voters needed to propose certain measures; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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 amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and eight two per centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose any legislative measure, and fifteen ten per centum of the legal voters shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution by petition, and every such petition
shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. The second power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety), either by petition signed by \textit{five two} per centum of the legal voters or by the Legislature as other bills are enacted. The ratio and per centum of legal voters hereinbefore stated shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the last general election for the Office of Governor.

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

\textbf{BALLOT TITLE}

\textit{Legislative Referendum No. ____} \hspace{0.5cm} \textit{State Question No. ____}

\textbf{THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:}

This measure amends Section 2 of Article 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It lowers the percentage of voters needed to propose an initiative, amendments to the Constitution by petition or a referendum.

\textbf{SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?}

\textbf{FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \hspace{1cm} \textit{__________}}

\textbf{AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \hspace{1cm} \textit{__________}}

\textbf{SECTION 3. 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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