A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; expanding authorized use of certain ad valorem levy to certain operations; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

SUBJECT: Ad valorem usage authorization

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH 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 amendment to Section 10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 10. A. For the purpose of erecting public buildings in counties or cities, or for the purpose of raising money for a building and operations fund for a school district which may be used for erecting, remodeling or repairing school buildings, and for purchasing furniture or for operations as deemed necessary by a school district, the rates of taxation herein limited may be increased, when the rate of such increase and the purpose for which it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the people, and a majority of the qualified voters of such county, city, or school district, voting at such election, shall vote therefor: Provided, that such increase shall not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in such county, city, or school district.
B. A school district may upon approval by a majority of the electors of the district voting on the question make the ad valorem levy for a building and operations fund under subsection A of this section permanent. If the question is approved, the levy in the amount approved as required by this section, shall be made each fiscal year thereafter until such time as a majority of the electors of the district voting on the question rescind the making of the levy permanent. An election on such question shall be held at such time as a petition is signed by ten percent (10%) of the school district electors or a recommendation by the board of education of the school district is made asking that the levies be made each fiscal year.

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:

BALLOT TITLE
Legislative Referendum No. ___ State Question No. ___

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS Follows:

This measure amends Section 10 of Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It expands the uses permitted for certain ad valorem taxes levied by a school district. Currently, tax revenue is placed in a building fund. The fund is changed to allow use for operations. The operations would be those deemed necessary by a school district.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES ______________

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO ______________

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.
Passed the Senate the 2nd day of May, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this ________
day of ________________, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: ________________________________