

of the House of Draughton  
and Cartwright of the Senate

A Resolution

Authorizing The Submission Of A Proposed Amendment To The Constitution To The People For Their Approval Or Rejection, Said Proposed Amendment Fixing The Per Diem Of The Members Of The Legislature, Limiting The Actual Working Days Of The Session, Fixing The Mileage For Necessary Travel, And Providing That No Bill Shall Be Introduced After The Sixtieth Day Of The Session, Except Upon Recommendation Of The Governor, And Being An Amendment To Section 21 Of Article 5, Of The Constitution Of The State Of Oklahoma, Relative To The Legislative Department.

Be It Resolved By The Senate And House of Representatives Of The Seventh Legislature Of The State Of Oklahoma In Regular Session Assembled: That the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to prepare and submit to the voters of this State for their adoption or rejection at the next general election the following proposed amendment to Section 21 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma and to read as follows:

Section 21, Article 5. Members of the Legislature shall receive six (\$6.00) dollars per diem until otherwise provided by law for their services during the session of the Legislature which shall be limited to ninety actual working days, and ten cents per mile for every mile of necessary travel in going to and returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route, and shall receive no other compensation.

Provided, That no bill shall be introduced in either House after the sixtieth day of such session, except upon recommendation of the Governor.

Correctly Enrolled

Adopted by the House of Representative this 29th day of March A. D. 1919.

Tom O. Waldrep

Speaker of the House of Representative

Adopted by the Senate this 29th day of March A. D. 1919.

R. L. Davidson

President of the Senate

Approved this 3rd day of April A. D. 1919.

J. B. L. Johnson

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

S. P. FREELING  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

R. E. WOOD  
WILLIAM H. ZWICK  
C. W. KING  
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RANDELL S. COBB  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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OKLAHOMA CITY

Oct. 4, 1920.

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Hon. Joe S. Morris,  
Secretary of State,  
State Capital  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

S I R:

We have your letter of September 29th, asking this office to prepare ballot title for House Joint Resolution No. 3, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 14, of the 1919 Session Laws of the Legislature .

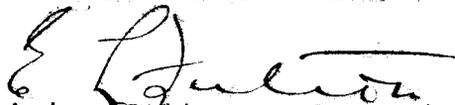
We take pleasure in complying with your request, and are inclosing herewith titles we have prepared to these questions, and you may fill in the proper number of the State Questions. There should be printed on each ballot,

"Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?"

and places indicated for voting yes or no.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Incl.

BALLOT TITLE

STATE QUESTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

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The gist of this proposition is:

To ammend Section 21, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma so that members of the Legislature shall receive six (\$6.00) dollars per day for their services during the ninety actual working days of the Legislature, and ten cents per mile for every mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature.

AND PROVIDED, that no bill shall be introduced in either House after the sixtieth day of such session, except upon recommendation of the Governor.

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Secretary of State  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

October 4, 1920.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA     )  
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA   ) SS.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE   )

I, JOE S. MORRIS, Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that there was passed by the Seventh Legislature, 1919, House Joint Resolution No. 3, authorizing the submission of a proposed amendment to Section 21, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; The ballot title being as follows:

STATE QUESTION 112.           REFERENDUM PETITION NO. 39.

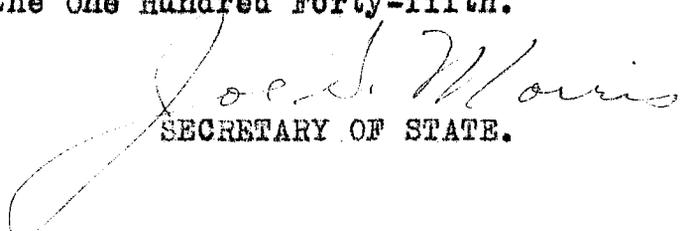
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AND PROVIDED, That no bill shall be introduced in either House after the sixtieth day of such session, except upon recommendation of the Governor.

Done at the Capitol, at Oklahoma City, State of Oklahoma, this the Fourth day of October, A. D., 1920, at the hour of Two o'clock P. M., and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred Forty-fifth.

  
SECRETARY OF STATE.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF  
REFERENDUM PETITION NUMBER 39,  
STATE QUESTION NUMBER 112.

This Constitutional Amendment was proposed and adopted through the action of the Legislature in adoption of the House Joint Resolution No. 3, authorizing the submission of the question to the voters of the State. Its amended Section Twenty One of Article Five of the Constitution so as to provide that the time limit for the Session of the Legislature shall be extended to ninety actual working days, but that no bills shall be introduced in either House after the sixty days of the Session, except upon recommendation of the Governor.

This amendment should be adopted for the following reasons:

The varied interests of the State of Oklahoma has grown to such an extent that a Session of the Legislature of sixty days duration, as now provided by law, is too limited a time to properly consider the subjects demanding attention and the practice of introducing legislation until the last days of the Session, thus crowding the calendar full, of undigested measures, is a bad one. Under this amendment it would allow thirty days to give due and deliberate consideration to such measures as had been introduced in the previous sixty days.

This is an important amendment to our Constitution as our Legislature only meets every two years and ninety days at the best is short enough time to consider the subjects for legislation, and, as I stated before, this amendment will give time for due consideration of worthy subjects that may be prevented, and will prevent the hasty consideration and adoption of unworthy bills of any character.

THIS AMENDMENT SHOULD BE ADOPTED.