

Oklahoma City, Okla.
July 22, 1922.

Secretary of State,
Of State of Oklahoma.

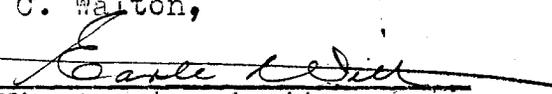
Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith State Question No. 116
Initiative Petition No. 76. I also submit ballot
title. I ask that you file same and take such
action in the premises as the law requires.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Walton,

By


His Agent and Attorney.

INITIATIVE PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE J. B. A. ROBERTSON,
Governor of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Oklahoma respectfully order, that the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection, at the next election held throughout the State, and each for himself says: "I have personally signed this petition, and I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma, and of the County of, my residence and postoffice address are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires September 19, 1922. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: 'Shall the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution be adopted?'"

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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, ENTITLED: A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA BY ADDING TO SAID CONSTITUTION AN ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ARTICLE 26. THE SAID ARTICLE 26 AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE PAYMENT OF A SOLDIERS' BONUS TO EACH PERSON WHO ENLISTED OR WAS INDUCTED, OR SERVED HONORABLY FROM THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND THE ELEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1918, IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE GERMAN EMPIRE AND HER ALLIES. THE AMOUNT OF SAID BONUS TO BE FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS PER MONTH OR THE MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE STATE NOT EXCEEDING FIFTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PAY SAID BONUS; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A VETERANS' COMMISSION AND DEFINING ITS POWER, PROVIDING HOW SAID BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED AND SOLD, AND PROVIDING THE WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAID WHEN DUE, AND THE BONDS THEMSELVES PAID AT MATURITY.

I, J. S. Morris, Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that there was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, on the 18th day of September, 1922, the gist of the proposition to submit the proposed amendment to the Constitution to be voted on at the next general election November 7th, 1922.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

BALLOT TITLE

The Gist of the proposed amendment is to pay each soldier, sailor, marine or nurse who was inducted into the army or navy of the United States during the war with Germany a bonus of \$50. for each month of service, or the major fraction thereof. Directing issuance of bonds of the state in a sum not to exceed fifty millions of dollars to pay said bonus. Providing for creation of a Veterans Commission and defining its powers. Providing how said bonds shall be issued and sold and how said bonds and interest thereon shall be paid.

State of Oklahoma 116
Sulphur Pit # 76,
Soldiers' Barrens.

SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM
OKLAHOMA CITY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
SECRETARY'S OFFICE }

This instrument was filed for record this

22 day of July

A.D. 1922 at 11:07 o'clock a.M.

Recorded in _____ Corporation

Record No. _____ at page _____

Joseph Pittman
Secretary of State

THE OFFICE OF
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

CAG/W

July 24, 1922.

Hon. Joe S. Morris,
Secretary of State,
Building.

Dear Sir:

In re State Question No. 116, Initiative Question No. 76, a copy of the petition was filed in this office on Saturday, the 22nd instant, together with a form of Ballot Title therefor.

You are respectfully advised that the Ballot Title was not approved by the Attorney General for the reasons, first, that it exceeded one hundred words, and second, because it did not contain the gist of Section 26 of the Act, or any reference thereto.

A form of Ballot Title for said question has been prepared and approved by this office, and is herewith transmitted to you as a legal form and in harmony with the law.

Very respectfully,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

C. A. GALBRAITH

Assistant Attorney General.

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B A L L O T T I T L E .

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS:

To make provision for paying a bonus to each soldier, sailor, marine and nurse inducted into the army or navy of the United States during the war with Germany, and for the issuance and sale of interest bearing coupon bonds of the State of Oklahoma, not exceeding Fifty Million Dollars, and making an advance appropriation and creating a sinking fund for payment of interest and principal at maturity, and creating a Veterans' Commission composed of the twelve present members of the Supreme Court and Criminal Court of Appeals and defining its powers and duties.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OKLAHOMA CITY

JOE S. MORRIS
SECRETARY

C. J. KENDLE
ASST. SECRETARY

Received of H. C. Walter
538 petitions containing
106,360 names State
Question 116 - Initiative
Petition 76 - known as
Oklahoma Soldiers World
War Bonus Bill
of H. C. Walter

SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT.

August A. Breuninger (Un-a-quah), first being duly sworn on oath, further deposes and states that on or about the 8th. day of September, 1922, that he made an affidavit asking that his name be stricken from the Initiative Petition #76, (State Question #116), which the said affiant signed on or about the 4th. day of September of said year; that in said affidavit the said affiant set out certain specific grounds for the purpose of securing the withdrawal of said name; that said affidavit failed to state the most important reason for the said affiant asking that his name be stricken from said petition; that affiant says that he was not aware, at the time, that he was signing a document that, if adopted, would plunge the State of Oklahoma into a bonded indebtedness of about \$50,000,000, and that he been properly informed of same by the solicitors said petition, that he would have never signed same; that the said affiant is of the firm belief that others, considering the times as they are, and the country just recovering the war drain, would be of the same opinion; that he the solicitors and the speakers for the said petition announced it something like in the following words: "Ladies & Gentlemen, We believe in plunging the State of Oklahoma into a bonded indebtedness of fifty millions of dollars to pay the soldiers a fifty dollar bonus; won't you step up and sign, please?" they would have never secured the name of the affiant and, probably, not many others; that affiant, after reading Section 12 of the proposed article 26 (pp.6) to the constitution of the State of Oklahoma, decided that he had done the people of the State of Oklahoma an injury and not much good to the soldier; that the said affiant is further of the belief that, as the soldier bonus measure is a specific and a temporary provision, that it could and should not be made a part of the organic law of the State; that he is still further of the belief that the signers to said petition have been very much fooled and that an extension of time ought to be granted, in order to allow others to further protest.

August A. Breuninger (Un-a-quah)

Affiant,
425-E. 23rd. Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
T. 4135.

*Subscribed and sworn to by August A. Breuninger,
(Un-a-quah), before me this September, 25th, 1922*

*Edward Court Gibson
Notary Public,*

My Commission Expires Mar. 21, 1924