

# WARNING

**“IT IS A FELONY FOR ANYONE TO SIGN AN INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION WITH ANY NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN, OR KNOWINGLY TO SIGN HIS NAME MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE MEASURE, OR TO SIGN SUCH PETITION WHEN HE IS NOT A LEGAL VOTER.”**

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(Twenty names only allowed on a petition of this nature.)

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## INITIATIVE PETITION

To the HONORABLE WILLIAM H. MURRAY, 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 for their approval or rejection, at the next election to be held throughout the State, and each for himself says:

“I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma, and of the County of \_\_\_\_\_; my residence and post office address are correctly written after my name.”

The time for filing this Petition expires NINETY DAYS from the 13th day of October, 1931.

The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

“SHALL THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA BE ADOPTED?”

AN AMENDMENT ENTITLED:

AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9, OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA; AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY, FIXING THE LIMITATION THEREOF AND THE APPORTIONMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND FOR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

The Constitution of Oklahoma, Article X, Section 9, is hereby amended to be and to read as follows:

Section 9. Except as herein otherwise provided, the total taxes for all purposes, on an ad valorem basis, on personal property actually or constructively located in the State of Oklahoma and subject to its jurisdiction for the purposes of taxation, shall not exceed, in any taxable year, twenty-three (23) mills on the dollar, to be divided and apportioned as follows:

County levy not more than eight (8) mills;

Township levy not more than five (5) mills;

City or town levy not more than ten (10) mills.

Except as herein otherwise provided, the total taxes for all purposes on an ad valorem basis, on real property in the State of Oklahoma, shall not exceed, in any taxable year, fifteen (15) mills on the dollar, to be apportioned between county, township, city or town, and school district, by the County Excise Board, until such time as the regular apportionment is otherwise provided for by the Legislature.

No ad valorem tax shall be levied upon personal property or upon real property, for state purposes, nor shall any part of the proceeds of any ad valorem tax levy upon any kind of property in this state be used for state purposes; provided however, any county of the state may make an additional ad valorem levy, not exceeding three (3) mills on the dollar valuation, on any property within the county, for separate schools for white and negro children and aid to the common schools for the county, such aid or money raised therefor to be apportioned as provided by law; and furthermore, any county of the state may make another additional levy of not more than five (5) mills on the dollar valuation, upon all property in the county, for school district purposes, for support of common schools; provided further, the annual ad valorem tax rate for school purposes may be increased, in any school district, by an amount not to exceed ten (10) mills on the dollar valuation, upon all property in the district, on condition that a majority of the qualified voters of such district vote for such increase, at an election held therein, under the supervision of the County Election Board; and the County Registrar shall make and certify, under oath, to the election officials of the school district, at least ten days prior to such election, a list, showing the number of qualified voters in such district and the names of said voters.

Provided also, an additional levy may be made, each year, on all personal and real property subject to ad valorem taxes in the various subdivisions of the state, respectively, to take care of the bonded and other valid indebtedness of the various subdivisions of the state, respectively, existing at the time this Amendment becomes effective; but such additional levy or assessment, to take care of the indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, owing, by any subdivision of the state and existing at the time this Amendment becomes effective, shall, in no event, exceed the levy or assessment for which the property subject to taxation in such subdivision would have been liable under the Constitution and the law prior to the adoption of this Amendment.

This Amendment shall be self-executing without the necessity of vitalization by the Legislature.

THE END.



J. BERRY KING  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OKLAHOMA CITY

November 23, 1931.

Hon. R. A. Sneed,  
Secretary of State,  
B u i l d i n g.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that pursuant to the discretion and duty lodged in and imposed upon the Attorney General by Section 6632, C. O. S. 1921, he has examined the proposed ballot title of State Question No. 168, Initiative Petition No. 113, which, together with a copy of said petition, was delivered to him at 4:30 o'clock P. M., Friday, November 20, 1931, by the Honorable Baxter Taylor, and from said examination the Attorney General finds that said ballot title is not in legal form or in harmony with the law.

Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6632, supra, the Attorney General has prepared and herewith submits to you, as Secretary of State, for filing in your office, a ballot title for said Initiative Petition, which, in the opinion of the Attorney General, does conform to the law, same being as follows:

"BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

STATE QUESTION NO. 168

INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 113

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS:

'That Section 9, Article X, Constitution, be amended by limiting ad valorem rate upon personal property to not exceed twenty-three mills, upon real property to not exceed fifteen mills, and apportioning same to subdivisions of government; prohibiting levy of ad valorem taxes for State purposes; permitting counties to levy not exceeding eight mills additional on all property for schools; permitting school districts by majority of all voters in district at election held under supervision of County Election Board to increase rate not exceeding ten mills; and permitting additional levies for bonds and debts existing when amendment becomes effective.'

SHALL IT BE ADOPTED:

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In connection with the above matter your attention is called to an opinion of this office addressed to you under date of May 20, 1931, wherein it was held that a proposed ballot title of an Initiative Petition should not be delivered to the Attorney General for his approval or revision until after the original petition had been "finally approved by you" and until it was certain that the petition would be voted upon by the people.

Since then we have orally advised proponents of other Initiative Petitions that your approval does not become final until the statutory ten days' period for appeal from your decision to the Supreme Court has expired without an appeal being taken, and if so taken, until after said appeal is finally decided by said court. However, as the courts have not passed on this question and in order that the Attorney General may not be the means of officially thwarting or delaying the submission of this measure, he has at this time prepared and filed in your office, as above set forth, a ballot title for said Initiative Petition.

Very respectfully,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Randell S. Cobb,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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