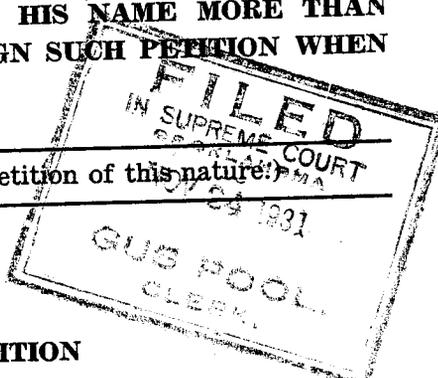


WARNING

"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."

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



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 measure, or law, 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 MEASURE OR LAW BE ADOPTED?"

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED:

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE UNEMPLOYED, AND TO GIVE THE PEOPLE WORK; TO LAY OUT AND CONSTRUCT FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS; TO BUILD AND CONSTRUCT WATER RESERVOIRS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUDIT AND CONTROL OF THE FUNDS, AND TO MAKE CONTRACTS THEREFOR WITH THE SEVERAL COUNTIES BY A COMMISSION, AND CREATING SAID COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF SECRETARIES AND THEIR HELP AND PROVIDING THEIR COMPENSATION AND MAKING APPROPRIATION THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING SAID COMMISSION TO

APPOINT AGENTS AND EMPLOY LABOR AND CONTROL ALL FUNDS HEREBY ASSIGNED; PROVIDING THAT ONLY A BONA FIDE CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF THE STATE SHALL BE EMPLOYED ON SUCH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE LAW FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUIRING THE LETTING OF CONTRACTS, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH EMPLOYMENT BY DAY LABOR; AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR BY PROCLAMATION TO TAKE OFF OF SUCH PUBLIC WORK SUCH MACHINERY THAT CAN BE DISPOSED WITH, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT; FIXING MINIMUM WAGE; TRANSFERRING THE PORTION OF GASOLINE AND AUTOMOBILE TAX BELONGING TO THE SEVERAL COUNTIES TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF CONSTRUCTING FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS; TRANSFERRING ALL OF THE ONE CENT GASOLINE TAX UNDER HOUSE BILL NO. 236 TO BE USED FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENDING SAID TAX TO MARCH 1, 1933; SUSPENDING ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH UNTIL THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 1933; DECLARING SUCH LAWS NOT TO BE REPEALED BUT SUSPENDED UNTIL SAID NAMED DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

Section 1: That the people of the State of Oklahoma, through the power of Initiative, under Section 2, of Article 5 of the Constitution, reserved to them, that it is the duty of the State, so far as it is within the power of the State to meet extraordinary conditions, and relieve the people from distress by providing public work, and, to this end, declare and ordain the provisions of this Act as essential for the accomplishment of such purposes.

Section 2: There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Employment Relief Commission," to consist of the Governor, the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the Executive Clerk of the Conservation Commission, the Speaker of the House, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the Thirteenth Legislature, which Commission shall have the power to make contracts with the several counties, through the County Commissioners, or other constituted authority under the laws, and with individuals, where the same be necessary to construct reservoirs for impounding water in any portion of the State, to the end that floods may be lessened, the heat and hot winds tempered, and for the breeding of fish, as well as for the employment of residents of Oklahoma needing employment, and for the opening, laying out, and construction of farm-to-market roads, with gravel and suitable oil; and said Commission shall have the power to audit all of the funds expended in such public work as in this section provided, whether it be the State funds, or that from the counties, and the said Commission may fix the compensation and expenses, or either, as in its judgment seems wise, and will promote economy and efficiency. The said Commission shall have the power to provide agents and representatives, superintendents, and such other and further assistance in the construction and superintending of such projects, and in auditing the funds as in its judgment, by a majority vote, may determine, and shall formulate all necessary rules to effectuate the object of this law in providing improvements and to govern and control all funds herein named. It may employ labor jointly with the counties, or independent thereof, for the construction of such public work, fixing the compensation to be determined from the necessities of the location and condition, and fixing the number of hours and days in a week for such employment, provided that not more than five days in a week, and not more than six hours in a day shall be employed in the employment of day labor on any such work; and, provided further, that in no event shall there be paid less than twenty-five cents an hour for a man or individual person, and not less than fifty cents an hour for man and team, provided citizens of Oklahoma, as evidenced by registration certificate to vote, and bonafide residents who established such residence before October 25, 1931 only shall be employed on such public work and none who may come after said date.

Section 3: All laws of the State which provide for letting contracts on roads, and so far as it relates to the work herein, shall for the duration of this Act be held in abeyance and non-enforcible, and, in lieu thereof, the said Oklahoma Employment Relief Commission, and the County Commissioners subject to the provisions of this Act of the several counties, may provide for employment on day wage under the provisions of this Act, without making contracts therefor.

Section 4: It is also provided that all the gasoline and automobile tax apportioned under the present law to the several counties of the State shall be used exclusively for the construction of the farm-to-market roads, as in the foregoing provision provided, and for no other use by the County Commissioners, for the duration of this Act, without the approval of the Oklahoma Employment Relief Commission, and all said sums of money for gasoline and automobile tax are hereby assigned to and appropriated for the work herein authorized, and for the improvements herein authorized.

Section 5: It is also provided that the extra tax provided in House Bill No. 236, enacted by the Thirteenth Legislature, levying a One Cent extra tax on gasoline, for the purpose of reimbursing the State in the sum of Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars, for the relief of the people during the past winter, and all other parts of said extra One Cent gasoline tax, that the whole of said tax which may have accumulated in the Treasury, or otherwise, during the life of the special law, House Bill No. 236, is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury, and specifically designated for the improvements herein as in this Act provided, and the same shall be paid out under rules and audit by the said Oklahoma Employment Relief Commission, herein created; and said tax is hereby extended on gasoline until February 1, 1933.

Section 6: Any auditor, supervisor, superintendent, agent, or employe, authorized to be created, and, or appointed under this Act, who shall misappropriate any funds or shall make false claim for expenses, or salary, or day wage, or other compensation for the purpose and intent of securing to himself such moneys not intended to be paid out under this Act, shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, and no more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or imprisoned for not less than fifteen days, nor more than one hundred days, or by said fine and imprisonment. The said Oklahoma Employment Relief Commission shall, from time to time, post up at the county court house of each county in which work has been performed, the amount of money expended in such counties, to whom expended, and, in addition thereto, they shall make full and complete report of the use of the funds herein authorized to be expended in such public work to the Fourteenth Legislature.

Section 7: The Governor, the Chairman of the Highway Commission, and the Executive Secretary of the Conservation Commission, shall receive no other or further or additional compensation for such services than now provided by law for them respectively. The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be allowed Ten (\$10.00) Dollars a day, and traveling expenses for the days in actual attendance of the meetings of the Oklahoma Employment Relief Commission, but for no other purposes except the necessary time to make and complete reports as herein directed, and the said Commission may appoint a secretary and stenographer, and such other assistants to keep the records and do the correspondence necessary under this Act, and to fix such compensation as may be necessary only to secure honest, faithful, and efficient secretaries, clerks, and assistants, and there is hereby appropriated, and payment is authorized to be made out of the funds herein assigned by the State for the compensation of such persons authorized in this Act; and the State Auditor shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer in payment of each of such claims.

Section 8: It is expressly ordained and enacted by the people that this Act shall be a temporary one, taking the place of all other acts relating to the work and provisions therefor herein provided, and that it shall expire by its own limitations on the 1st day of March, 1933, and, thereafter, all laws, and parts of law, shall be of full force and effect, as if this Act had never been passed, and that said Commission and its powers shall, on the last named date, go out of existence, unless otherwise provided by the Legislature: And it is so ordained and enacted by the People by the power of the Initiative under Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution, reserved to the People.

THE END.

No. 2. Hon. R. A. Sneed, 11-23-31.

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.

We are,

Yours truly,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.



F. M. Dudley,
Assistant Attorney General.

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