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 Robert S. Kerr, 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 shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection, at the next regular general election, or at a special election to be called by the Legislature or the Governor as provided in Section 3, Article 10 of the Constitution of Oklahoma, and each for himself says:

I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence and post office address are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety days from October 26, 1944.

The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed amendment to Section 9 of Article 10 of the Constitution of Oklahoma be adopted?

AN AMENDMENT ENTITLED

AMENDING SECTION 9 OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA, RELATING TO RATES OF AD VALOREM TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON CERTIFICATION OF THE NEED THEREFOR BY THE GOVERNING BOARD, AN ADDITIONAL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE (1) MILL SHALL BE LEVIED, THE PROCEEDS DERIVED THEREFROM TO BE USED FOR ACQUISITION OF SITES AND ERECTION OF BUILDINGS FOR SEparate SCHOOLS FOR WHITE AND NEGRO CHILDREN.

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

"Section 9. Except as herein otherwise provided, the total taxes for all purposes, on an ad valorem basis, shall not exceed, in any taxable year, fifteen (15) mills on the dollar, to be apportioned between county, city, 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 for State purposes, nor shall any part of the proceeds of any ad valorem levy by this article 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 two (2) mills on the dollar valuation, on any property within the county, for separate schools for white and negro children, such aid or money raised therefor to be apportioned as provided by law, provided, further, that upon certification of the need therefor by the governing board, an additional levy of not to exceed one (1) mill on the dollar valuation on any property within the county shall be levied by the excise board, the proceeds derived therefrom to be used exclusively for the acquisition of sites and erection of buildings for separate schools for white and negro children; 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 voting at an election, vote for such increase, provided, however, that the Legislature shall by proper laws prescribe the manner and method of conducting said election, but until such legislative provision is made, said levy may be made and said election held as now provided by law; and provided further, that limitations on the levy of such additional 10-mill levy may be made hereafter by the Legislature.

"Provided, also, an additional levy may be made each year, in the State and in the various subdivisions thereof, on all personal and real property subject to ad valorem taxes, to reasonably take care of bonded and other valid indebtedness of the State and its various subdivisions existing at the time this amendment is adopted and becomes effective, but such necessary additional levy or assessment on such property to take care of such indebtedness existing and owing by the State and its subdivisions at such time shall in no event exceed levy or assessment for which such property would have been liable under the Constitution and laws of the State as same existed immediately prior to the adoption of this amendment. No provision hereof shall be construed to tax churches or schools."

(Here follow twenty numbered lines for signatures, including name, residence and post office. If in the city, give street and number.)