

A Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY: GAME AND FISH COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE, FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AS ARTICLE XXVI; CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AND AN OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION; PRESCRIBING THE POWERS OF SUCH COMMISSION; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Oklahoma, to be known as Article XXVI, Oklahoma Constitution:

ARTICLE XXVI

Section 1. There is hereby created a Department of Wildlife Conservation of the State of Oklahoma and an Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be governed by the Wildlife Conservation Director, hereinafter created, under such rules, regulations and policies as may be prescribed from time to time by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. Such rules and regulations and amendments thereof shall be filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, and shall become effective on the tenth (10th) day following such filing.

Said Commission shall be composed of eight (8) members to be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate and shall be removable only for cause, as provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment; one (1) member from each of eight (8) districts as the same are presently defined by Title 29 O. S. 1951, § 104. The term of office of each such member shall be eight (8) years, except that the first appointed members shall hold office for terms as follows: the member appointed from the first district shall hold office until July 1st following his appointment, and the members appointed from the second, third, fourth, fifth,

Correctly Enrolled *Arthur D. Reese* Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS

sixth, seventh and eighth districts shall hold office until July 1st of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth succeeding calendar years, respectively. In the event the Governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty (30) days following such vacancy, the remaining members of the Commission may appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

The members of the Commission shall receive no salary or other compensation for their services, other than per diem and expenses as may be authorized by the Legislature.

Each member of the Commission shall take the oaths required of other State officers, and each shall execute a good and sufficient corporate surety bond in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) payable to the State of Oklahoma, and conditioned upon the faithful performance of duty, and the premium thereon shall be payable by the State.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this Act shall repeal any existing laws now on the Statute, pertaining to game and fish.

The Commission may acquire by purchase, gift, grants-in-aid from the Federal Government, or otherwise, all property necessary, useful or convenient for its use in carrying out the objects and purposes of this Article.

SECTION 3. A Director of Wildlife Conservation shall be appointed by a majority vote of the entire Commission, who shall be removed only for cause and after public hearing by the Commission. His duties and compensation for his services shall be fixed by a majority vote of the entire Commission.

The Director shall, with the approval of the Commission, appoint such assistants and employees as the Commission may deem necessary. The Commission shall determine the qualifications of the Director, all assistants and employees. No Commissioner shall be eligible for employment as Director or otherwise.

SECTION 4. The fees, monies, or funds arising from the operation and transactions of said Commission and from the application and the

administration of the laws and regulations pertaining to the bird, fish, game and wildlife resources of the State and from the sale of property used for said purposes shall be expended and used by said Commission for the control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game and wildlife resources of the State, including the purchase or other acquisition of property for said purposes, and for the administration of the laws pertaining thereto and for no other purpose.

SECTION 5. The ballot title for said proposed amendment shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. 374

State Question No. 115

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional Amendment

Amending the Constitution of Oklahoma by adding thereto an Article, to be known as Article XXVI, creating a Department of Wildlife Conservation of the State of Oklahoma, and creating an Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission, and prescribing the powers of such Commission,

be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES NO

SECTION 6. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the adoption of this Resolution by the Legislature, prepare and file one (1) copy of the Resolution, including the above Ballot Title, with the Secretary of State, and one (1) copy with the Attorney General.

SECTION 7. A special election is hereby ordered to be held throughout the State on the next primary election, at which the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law.

Correctly Enrolled: Arthur D. Price Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS

Passed the Senate the 27th day of May, 1955.

Frank Williams
President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of May, 1955.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

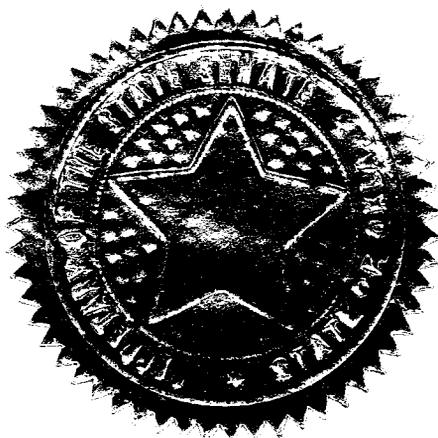
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) ss
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)

I, Leo Winters, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 22 as the same was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, the original hereof being on file in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office at the State Capitol this 27th day of May, 1955.

Leo Winters
Secretary of the Senate



Correctly Enrolled: *Arthur D. Price* Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS



MAC Q. WILLIAMSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OKLAHOMA CITY

June 8, 1955

Honorable Andy Anderson
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 34 O. S. 1951 § 9, he has examined the proposed ballot title to Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 22 of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, which, together with a copy of said resolution, was delivered to him on June 8, 1955, by the Honorable Ray Fine, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and from said examination finds that said ballot title is in legal form and in harmony with the law, said ballot title being as follows:

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Hon. Andy Anderson

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Yours very truly

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

6-8-1955
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Fred Hansen
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First Assistant Attorney General