State Question No. 377 Initiative Petition No. 260

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"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 same measure, or to sign such petition when he is not a legal voter."

(ONLY TWENTY NAMES ALLOWED ON A PETITION OF THIS NATURE)

I N I T I A T I V E P E T I T I O N

To the HONORABLE RAYMOND GARY, Governor of the State of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Oklahoma shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout the state, or at a special election ordered by the Governor, 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 Dec. 2, 1953.

The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters: Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma be approved?

AMENDING SECTION 2, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA AND SECTION 11, ARTICLE VII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA CREATING COUNTY OFFICES AND THE COUNTY COURT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS THEREOF FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 2, Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma be amended to read as follows:

Section 2, Article XVII. There are hereby created in and for each county of the state the office of County Attorney, County Clerk, Court Clerk, Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Surveyor, County Assessor, County Superintendent of Schools, and three County Commissioners. At the regular general election to be held in November 1956 and in each fourth year thereafter the officers named in this section shall be elected for a term of four years. The said terms of office shall begin on the dates following their election as provided by law.

SECTION 2. That Section 11, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma be amended to read as follows:

Section 11, Article VII. There is hereby established in each county in this state a county court, which shall be a court of record. There shall be elected in each county a County Judge, except that the Legislature may increase the number of County Judges for any county, as may now or hereafter be provided by law. At the regular general election to be held in November 1956 and in each fourth year thereafter all County Judges shall be elected for a term of four years. The said County Judges shall hold their office until the close of the day next preceding the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred sixty one, and each four years thereafter. The County Judge shall be a qualified voter and a resident of the county at the time of his election and a lawyer licensed to practice law in any court of record of the state. The County Judge shall be Judge of the County Court.

MAC Q. WILLIAMSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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OKLAHOMA CITY

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Honorable Andy Anderson
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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 State Question No. 377, Initiative Petition No. 260, which, together with a copy of said petition, was delivered to him on June 25, 1956, by Mr. Leon Shipp, attorney for the proponents of said petition, and from said examination the Attorney General finds that said ballot title is in legal form and in harmony with the law. Said proposed ballot title is as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 260 STATE QUESTION NO. 377

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma

> Amending Section 2, Article XVII of the Constitution of Oklahoma and Section 11, Article VII of the Constitution of Oklahoma creating county offices and the county court and providing for the election of county officers thereof for a term of four years,

be approved by the people?

YES

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

NO.

Yours very truly

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL 6-26-1956

Fred Hansen

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First Assistant Attorney General

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