
“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 J. HOWARD EDMONDSON,
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 regular general election to be held on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1960, or at a special election which might be called for said purpose, and each for himself says:

“I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence and postoffice are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety days from the 16th day of November, 1959. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

“Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution be approved and adopted?”

TITLE

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CREATING A CONSTITUTIONAL STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND PLAN A STATE-WIDE ROAD PROGRAM, TO HAVE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO EXPEND ANY FUNDS RELATING THERETO; DEFINING DISTRICTS, MEMBERSHIP, TERM OF OFFICE, METHOD OF APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL ONLY FOR CAUSE; RE-ENACTING CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS; MAKING AMENDMENT SELF-EXECUTING; AND AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVI, CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
—AS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH AMENDS SEC-

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TION 1, ARTICLE XVI, CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA TO
READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created a State Highway Commission composed of eight members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. One member shall be appointed from each of eight districts, said districts to be as presently constituted until changed by law. Each commissioner so appointed shall represent the entire State, and shall join in the planning and development of a state-wide road program. The Governor shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission who shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie vote.

The Commission is empowered and charged with the duty of determining policy and expenditure of funds relating to the state highway system and shall have general charge and supervision of all highways and bridges thereon and shall be vested with all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Department of Highways, together with all powers necessary and proper to enable the Commission or any of its officers or employees to carry out fully and effectively the laws relating to the State Highway Department.

B. The members of the State Highway Commission appointed and serving at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall continue to serve the balance of the term for which each is appointed without further appointment or consent.

Each Commissioner hereafter appointed and confirmed shall serve for a term of eight years unless appointed to fill an unexpired term, and shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified. In case of death, resignation or removal, the vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, for the remainder of the term. Members of the Commission shall be removed only for cause after a public trial, and in the manner provided by law for removal of officers not subject to impeachment.

C. Each Commissioner shall, at the time of his appointment, be a citizen and resident of the district from which he is appointed, for at least three years prior to the date of his appointment. In the event the Legislature should hereafter re-district the Commissioner Districts, or any part thereof, each Commissioner shall continue to serve the balance of his term even though as a result of re-districting his residence may fall in a district in which one or more other Commissioners reside. The Legislature is hereby authorized to provide additional qualifications, not in conflict herewith, and to fix the compensation of members of the State Highway Commission.

D. The Legislature is directed to maintain the Department of Highways and shall have the power to create improvement districts and to provide, by statute not in conflict herewith, for building and maintaining public roads.

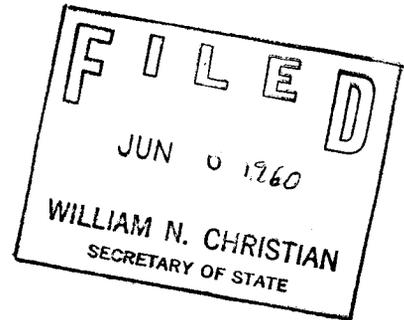
E. The provisions of this Section are hereby declared to be self-executing.



MAC Q. WILLIAMSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OKLAHOMA CITY

June 6, 1960



Honorable William N. Christian
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. 396, Initiative Petition No. 265, which, together with a copy of said petition, was delivered to him on June 6, 1960, by Mr. Norman Reynolds, attorney for the proponents of said petition, and from said examination the Attorney General finds that said ballot title is substantially in legal form and in harmony with the law. Said proposed ballot title is as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 265

STATE QUESTION No. 396

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a constitutional amendment

creating a constitutional State Highway Commission to develop and plan a state-wide road program, to have supervision and control of the Department of Highways and highways and bridges on the state highway system and to expend any funds relating thereto; defining districts, membership, term of office, method of appointment, qualifications and other provisions; providing for removal only for cause; re-enacting certain constitutional provisions; making amendment self-executing; and amending Section 1, Article XVI, Constitution of Oklahoma,

be approved and adopted?

Hon. William N. Christian

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..... YES

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

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..... NO.

Yours very truly

APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL 6-6-60
F.W.

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Fred Hansen
Fred Hansen
First Assistant Attorney General

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