

**“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.

NOT OVER FORTY NAMES 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 6th day of November, A. D. 1962, 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 29th day of September, 1961. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

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

T I T L E

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING METHOD FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL FORMULAE APPORTIONING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE; VESTING THIS DUTY IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY OF STATE AND STATE TREASURER ACTING EX-OFFICIO AS A LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION; CONFERRING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UPON STATE SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW ANY APPORTIONMENT UPON PETITION OF ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR UNDER PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS; DEFINING SENATORIAL TERMS; REQUIRING ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPORTIONMENTS; DECLARING AMENDMENT SELF-EXECUTING; REPEALING SUBSECTIONS a, b, i and j, SECTION 10, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 11-16 INCLUSIVE, ARTICLE V, CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH REPEALS SUBSECTIONS a, b, i AND j OF SECTION 10, ARTICLE V, CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA AND WHICH AMENDS SECTIONS 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16 THEREOF TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

§11. The duty of apportioning the Legislature under the provisions of this Article is exclusively vested in a Legislative Apportionment Commission composed of the Attorney General, Secretary of State and the State Treasurer. The Legislature is prohibited from passing any Act or

Resolution pertaining to the apportionment of the Legislature other than a Resolution submitting to the people an amendment to this Article.

§12(a). The Commission shall make the first apportionments according to the formulae provided in this Article within 45 days following the adoption of this Amendment, and thereafter within 45 days following the official certification of each Federal decennial census. The enumeration of the most recent Federal decennial census shall always be used in ascertaining population.

(b). Each Order of Apportionment of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of State and shall be signed by at least two members of the Commission.

§13(a). Any qualified elector may seek a review of any apportionment within thirty days from the filing thereof by filing in the Supreme Court of Oklahoma a petition which must set forth a proposed apportionment more nearly in accordance with this Article. Any apportionment of either the Senate or House of Representatives from which review is not sought within such time shall become final.

(b). Upon review the Supreme Court shall determine which apportionment results in the minimum variance of population between districts and otherwise complies with this Article and by appropriate writ, require the same to be filed or refiled, as the case may be, with the Secretary of State forthwith and such apportionment shall become final on the date of said writ.

(c). The Supreme Court, upon petition of any qualified elector alleging failure of the Commission to timely act, is hereby vested with original jurisdiction to compel, and shall compel, the Commission to make the apportionments as herein provided. It shall also have exclusive jurisdiction of any review hereunder. The Court shall give precedence to any proceeding arising under this Section, and if more than one petition be filed, it shall consolidate such proceedings for hearing and disposition, and shall file its opinion and issue its writ within ninety days from the timely filing of such last petition. In the event any action filed hereunder shall be abandoned or dismissed any other qualified elector shall be allowed to intervene within ten days thereof.

§14. Any apportionment of the Senate or the House of Representatives shall become effective immediately prior to the first filing period for any statewide Primary Election after such apportionment of either said Senate or House of Representatives has become final. The term of all Senators shall expire 15 days after the first general election following any Senatorial apportionment becoming effective regardless of the term for which elected. Senators representing even numbered districts shall, after each apportionment, be elected for an initial term of two years, notwithstanding Section 9.

§15. After any apportionment becomes both final and effective, the State Election Board shall accept filings and conduct the Primary and General Elections in accordance with such apportionment.

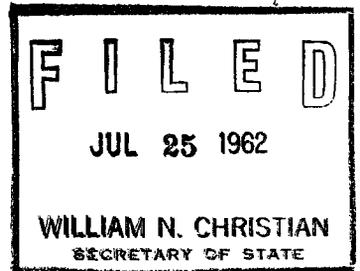
§16. The provisions of Sections 9 through 16 of this Article are hereby declared to be self-executing. Existing sub-sections a, b, i and j of Section 10, Article V, Constitution of Oklahoma, are hereby repealed and Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 thereof as they heretofore existed are likewise repealed and the amendments above set forth are substituted therefor.



MAC Q. WILLIAMSON  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OKLAHOMA CITY

July 25, 1962



Honorable William N. Christian  
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. 1961 § 9, he has examined the proposed Ballot Title to State Question No. 408, Initiative Petition No. 271, which, together with a copy of said petition, was delivered to him on July 24, 1962, 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

STATE QUESTION No. 408

INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 271

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a constitutional amendment

providing method for enforcement of the present constitutional formulae apportioning members of the House of Representatives and Senate; vesting this duty in the Attorney General, Secretary of State and State Treasurer acting ex-officio as a legislative apportionment commission; conferring original jurisdiction upon State Supreme Court to review any apportionment upon petition of any qualified elector under prescribed conditions; defining senatorial terms; requiring elections in accordance with apportionments; declaring amendment s self-executing; repealing sub-sections a, b, i and j, Section 10, and amending Sections 11-16 inclusive, Article V, Constitution of Oklahoma,

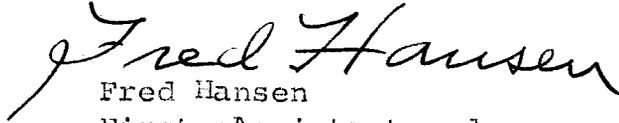
be approved by the people?

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SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

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Yours very truly,



Fred Hansen  
First Assistant and  
Acting Attorney General

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