"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 EEDMONDSON,
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 15th day of January, 1962. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

"Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution be approved?"

TITLE

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GUARANTEING FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO BELONG OR NOT TO BELONG TO ANY LABOR ORGANIZATION. PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF MEMBERSHIP OR NONMEMBERSHIP IN ANY LABOR ORGANIZATION; AND PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON SHALL AGAINST HIS WILL BE COMPelled TO PAY DUES, FEES OR OTHER CHARGES OF ANY KIND TO ANY LABOR ORGANIZATION AS A PREREQUISITE TO OR CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT; MAKING AMENDMENT SELF-EXECUTING; AND MAKING A NEW SECTION 12, ARTICLE XXIII, CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH ADDS A NEW SECTION 12, ARTICLE XXIII, CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 12. Guaranteed freedom of choice to belong or not to belong to any labor organization shall be the policy of this State. No person shall be denied the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in any labor organization; nor shall the State, or any subdivision thereof, or any individual, partnership, corporation,
trust, or any kind of association or employer enter into any agreement, written or oral, which excludes any person from employment or continuation of employment because of membership or nonmembership in any labor organization; nor shall any person against his will be compelled to pay dues, fees or other charges of any kind to any labor organization as a prerequisite to or condition of employment. This section is self-executing and shall supersede all provisions in conflict therewith; legislation may be enacted to facilitate its operations, but no law shall limit or restrict the provisions thereof.
State of Oklahoma  
Office of the Attorney General  
Oklahoma City  

January 20, 1964

Honorable James M. Bullard  
Secretary of State  
BUILDING

Dear Mr. Bullard:

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. 409, Initiative Petition No. 272, which, together with a copy of the constitutional amendment proposed by said initiative petition, was received by the Attorney General on January 17, 1964, and from said examination finds that said ballot title is not in legal form nor in harmony with the law. Therefore, the Attorney General submits the following ballot title, which, in his opinion is in legal form and in harmony with the law, to-wit:

BALLOT TITLE

Initiative Petition No. 272
State Question No. 409

Shall a constitutional amendment

adding self-executing Section Twelve, Article Twenty-three, Oklahoma Constitution, announcing State policy, and providing that neither membership nor non-membership in any labor organization, nor the payment or non-payment of any dues, fees or other charges to any labor organization, shall be required as a condition to obtaining or retaining employment within the
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State of Oklahoma; prohibiting agreements to deny employment or continuation of employment to any person because of membership or non-membership in any labor organization; superceding conflicting provisions, and authorizing legislation consistent therewith,

be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?  
☐ YES  
☐ NO

Inasmuch as 34 O.S. 1961, § 9, supra, expressly provides:

" *** Within ten days after the receipt of *** a revised or amended title *** the Secretary of State shall, if no appeal is filed, transmit to the Secretary of the State Election Board an attested copy of the pending proposition, including such approved title *** "

it is your duty, under the provisions of said section, to transmit an attested copy of said ballot title to the Secretary of the State Election Board after the expiration of ten days from this date, if no appeal from said ballot title has been lodged within the said ten days.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Charles Nesbitt
Attorney General

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