

State Question No. 421

Initiative Petition No. 274

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

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NOT MORE THAN FORTY SIGNATURES ON ONE SHEET SHALL BE COUNTED.

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

TO THE HONORABLE HENRY BELLMON,  
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 3rd day of November, A.D. 1964, 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 post office are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety days from April 2, 1964. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution be approved? "

AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE 10, OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION;  
ABOLISHING AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY LEVY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND AUTHORIZING A LOCAL SUPPORT LEVY FOR BENEFIT OF SCHOOLS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NOT TO EXCEED 15 MILLS ON DOLLAR VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY OF DISTRICT WHEN APPROVED BY ELECTORS OF DISTRICT.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 9, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as herein otherwise provided, the total taxes for all purposes, on an ad valorem basis, shall not exceed, in any taxable year, fifteen (15) mills on the dollar, no less than five (5) mills of which is hereby apportioned for school district purposes, the remainder to be apportioned between county, city, town and school district, by the County Excise Board, until such time as a regular apportionment thereof is otherwise provided for by the Legislature.

No ad valorem tax shall be levied for State purposes, nor

shall any part of the proceeds of any ad valorem tax levy upon any kind of property in this State be used for State purposes.

(b) A tax of four (4) mills on the dollar valuation of all taxable property in the county shall be levied annually in each county of the State for school purposes and, until otherwise provided by law, the proceeds thereof shall be apportioned to the school districts, and separate schools, if any, of the county by the County Treasurer on the basis of the legal average daily attendance for the preceding school year as certified by the State Board of Education. Provided that in case a school district lies in more than one county, such district shall be deemed a school district of the county having the greater part of the area comprising such district, unless otherwise provided by law, and shall be entitled to participate in the proceeds of such tax on the same basis as districts lying wholly within such county but revenue from such tax on the assessed valuation of the district in other counties shall, when collected, be transmitted to the County Treasurer of such county having the greater part of the area comprising the district, unless otherwise provided by law, and be apportioned as hereinbefore provided for the proceeds of such tax on the assessed valuation of such county. Not to exceed seventy-five per centum (75%) of the amount received by a school district from the proceeds of such county levy in any year shall be required to finance the State guaranteed program of such district.

(c) Upon certification of a need therefor by the board of education of any school district, an additional tax of not to exceed fifteen (15) mills on the dollar valuation of all taxable property in the district shall be levied for the benefit of the schools of such district.

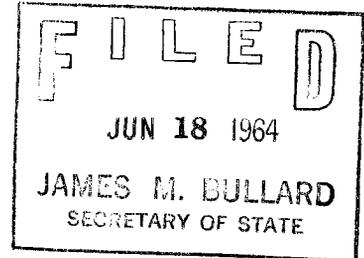
(d) In addition to the levies hereinbefore authorized, any school district may make a Local Support Levy for the benefit of the schools of such district, in an amount not to exceed fifteen (15) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable property in such district when approved by a majority of the electors of the district voting on the question at an election called for such purpose.

(e) The amount of revenue from school district ad valorem taxes levied under (a), (c), and (d) of this Section which any school district may be required to use to finance its State guaranteed program shall not be in excess of its share, based upon its relative taxpaying ability as may be defined by law, of an amount equivalent to the net proceeds from a fifteen (15) mill tax levy on the aggregate net assessed valuation of the State; but until such relative taxpaying ability is defined by the Legislature, the amount of revenue from such taxes which any school district may be required to use to finance its State guaranteed program shall not be in excess of the net proceeds from an ad valorem tax levy of fifteen (15) mills on the dollar net assessed valuation of the district.

Nothing in the amendments to the Constitution incorporated herein shall be construed to amend, alter or supersede the present application of Article XII-A, Sections 1 and 2 of the Oklahoma Constitution.



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OKLAHOMA CITY



CHARLES NESBITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 16, 1964

Honorable James M. Bullard  
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. 1961 § 9, he has examined the proposed Ballot Title to State Question No. 421, Initiative Petition No. 274, which, together with a copy of said petition, was delivered to him on June 16, 1964, by Mr. Ferman Phillips, Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Education Association, 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

STATE QUESTION NO. 421

INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 274

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a constitutional amendment

amending Section 9, Article 10, Oklahoma Constitution; abolishing authorization for emergency levy for school districts, and authorizing a local support levy for benefit of schools of a school district of not to exceed 15 mills on dollar valuation

of taxable property of district when approved by  
electors of district,

be approved by the people?

. . .  
. . . YES  
. . .

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

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. . . NO.  
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Very truly yours,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Fred Hansen*  
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Assistant Attorney General

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