A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XV, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING FOR OATH OF OFFICE FOR ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS; AND PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT TITLE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment of Section 1 of Article XV, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. All public officers, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as ......................... to the best of my ability." The legislature may prescribe further oaths or affirmations.

SECTION 2. The ballot title for the proposed constitutional amendment set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution shall be in the

be: TAGGART, PETERSON, DERRYBERRY, DOORENLOS, HUTCHENS (David), LAWSON, SPEARMAN and THOMPSON of the House

and

SHORT, GEE and HOWARD of the Senate.
ENR. H. J. R. NO. 520

following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. ________________ State Question No. ________________

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional Amendment

providing for the form of oath of office to be taken and

subscribed to by all public officers of Oklahoma,

be approved by the people?

YES

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

NO

SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

shall, immediately after the effective date of this Resolution,

prepare and file one copy thereof, including said ballot title,

with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.
Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of May, 1967.

[Signature]
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of April, 1967.

[Signature]
Acting President of the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 9th day of May, 1967, at 9:15 o'clock A.M.

[Signature]
By:

[Initials]
Honorable John Rogers  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  

Dear Mr. Rogers:

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 Enrolled House Joint Resolution No. 520 of the 1st regular session of the 31st Oklahoma Legislature, which, together with a copy of said resolution, was delivered to him on May 9, 1967, 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.

**BALLOT TITLE**

Legislative Referendum No. 161 State Question No. 445

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional Amendment

amending Section 1 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by repealing the oath of office contained in said section and substituting
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in lieu thereof a new form of oath of office
to be taken and subscribed by all public officers
of Oklahoma,

be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?  YES  NO

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

"no appeal shall be allowed as to ballot
titles of constitutional or legislative enact-
ments proposed by the Legislature which ballot
titles have been approved or revised by the
Attorney General."

it is your duty, under the provisions of said section, to immediately

"transmit to the Secretary of the State Election
Board an attested copy of the pending proposition,
including such approved title."

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

G. T. Blankenship
Attorney General

GTB/yr