

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 557

BY: FORD of the House
and
GEE of the Senate

A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SECTION 21 OF ARTICLE V OF THE OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION; PRESCRIBING LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT OF LAWS PROHIBITING LEGISLATORS FROM ENGAGING IN CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS; CREATING THE BOARD ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS, DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS THEREOF; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION.

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

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 21 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution:

§ 21. The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities. The Board on Legislative Compensation is hereby created. Said Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members appointed by the Governor shall be from religious organizations, communications media, nonstate-supported educational institutions, labor organizations, and retail business; the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the

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Senate shall be from agricultural and civic organizations; and the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be from manufacturing and from professional fields not otherwise specified. No member of the Legislature may be appointed to or serve on the Board. In addition to the members above provided for, the Chairman of the Tax Commission and the Director of State Finance shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of said Board. The Chairman of said Board shall be designated by the Governor. Members of the Legislature shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Legislative Compensation. Said Board shall each two years review the compensation paid to the members of the Legislature and shall be empowered to change such compensation; such change to become effective on the fifteenth day following the succeeding general election. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive necessary travel and subsistence expense as provided by law for other state officers.

SECTION 2. The ballot title for the proposed Constitutional Amendment set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional Amendment

of Section 21 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, requiring the Legislature to enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities; Creating the Board on Legislative Compensation; Providing for appointment, qualifications, terms, duties, authority and expenses thereof; Providing

Correctly Enrolled: *L.H. Spearman*

Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS
Correctly Enrolled: *W. G. ...*

legislators shall not be eligible to serve on said Board, and authorizing said Board to reduce or fix compensation for members of the Legislature be approved by the people?

YES

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

NO

SECTION 3. The Speaker 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.

SECTION 4. A special election is hereby ordered to be held throughout the State of Oklahoma on the date of the next ensuing special election, occurring after May 1, 1968, held throughout the State or on the date of the next ensuing statewide primary election, whichever is earlier, at which the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution shall be submitted to the people of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection as and in the manner provided by law.

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of April, 1968.

Carl Albert
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of May, 1968.

George H. W. Bush
President of the Senate.

Correctly Enrolled: C. H. Spessard Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 3rd

day of May, 1968,

at 8:30 o'clock A. M.

By: John Rogers

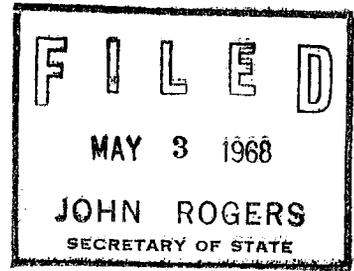
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105

May 3, 1968



G. T. BLANKENSHIP
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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. Supp. 1967, § 9, he has examined the proposed ballot title to Enrolled House Joint Resolution No. 557 of the 2nd Regular Session of the 31st Oklahoma Legislature, which, together with a copy of said Resolution, was delivered to him on May 3, 1968, 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

STATE QUESTION NO. 462 LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 175

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Shall a Constitutional Amendment

of Section 21 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, requiring the Legislature to enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities; Creating the Board on Legislative Compensation; Providing for appointment, qualifications, terms, duties, authority and expenses thereof; Providing legislators shall not be eligible to serve on said Board; authorizing said Board to fix compensation for members of the Legislature; and providing a review of such compensation each two years,

Mr. Rogers

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be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES

NO

Inasmuch as 34 O.S. Supp. 1967, § 9, supra, expressly provides that

"no appeal shall be allowed as to ballot titles of constitutional or legislative enactments 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,



G. T. Blankenship
Attorney General

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