Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY: TERRILL, BRECKINRIDGE, HOWARD, SMALLEY, SMITH and FUNSTON of the SENATE

and

FERRELL, TRENT, THORNHILL, TOWNSEND, SMITH, FRATES, KEATING, GOODEN, WIXSON, PRENTICE and DRAPER of the HOUSE

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 XXIV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, RELATING TO NUMBER OF VOTES NEEDED IN ELECTIONS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 34TH 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 to Section 1 of Article XXIV of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, to read as follows:

1. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two (2) houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall, with the yeas and nays thereon, be entered in their journals and referred by the Secretary of State to the people for their approval or rejection, at the next regular general election, except when the Legislature, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, shall order a special election for that purpose. If a majority of all the electors voting on any proposed amendment at such election shall vote in favor thereof, it shall thereby become a part of this Constitution.

No proposal for the amendment or alteration of this Constitution which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general
subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of proposals for the amendment of this Constitution by articles, which embrace one general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a single proposal or proposition.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed amendment as 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

amending Section 1, Article XXIV, Oklahoma Constitution,
to provide for approval of an amendment to the Constitution by a majority of the votes cast on that particular matter, as distinguished from votes cast in that election, thus eliminating the so-called "silent vote" by people who may vote in the election but not vote on that particular amendment be approved by the people?

☐ YES

☐ NO

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the effective date of this Resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, 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 primary election or special election, whichever occurs first, at which time the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, as 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 Senate the 7th day of May, 1973.

James E. Hamil
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of April, 1973.

Wm. P. Willis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 5th day of May, 1973.

at 10 o'clock A.M.

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By:

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May 10, 1973

AMENDED LETTER

The Honorable John Rogers
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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. 1972 Supp., §9, that he has examined the proposed ballot title to Referendum No. 199, referred to this office by Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, and from said examination finds that the said ballot title contained therein is in legal form and harmony with the law and does accurately reflect the gist of said proposal. That ballot title reads as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. 199     State Question No. 496

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

"Shall a Constitutional amendment

"Amending Section 1, Article XXIV, Oklahoma Constitution, to provide for approval of an amendment to the Constitution by a majority of the votes cast on that particular matter, as distinguished from votes cast in that election, thus eliminating the so-called 'silent vote' by people who may vote in the election but not vote on that particular amendment
"be approved by the people?

"SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED ☐ YES
☐ NO"

Yours very truly,

MICHAEL D. TINNEY
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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