A Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY: MILLER, FERRELL, GRAVES, INHOFE, KEELS and ROGERS of the SENATE

and

ABBOTT, SANDLIN, POULOS, WILLIAMSON and BEZNOSKA of the HOUSE

A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA; ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE X THEREOF TO BE DESIGNATED AS ARTICLE X, SECTION 9C; AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR DULY ORGANIZED AND AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICTS, WHICH DISTRICTS MAY ISSUE BONDS IN SUMS PROVIDED BY MAJORITY OF VOTERS VOTING IN AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSE OF OPERATING, MAINTAINING OR OTHERWISE SUPPORTING DISTRICT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR INTEREST ON BONDS; PROVIDING PROCEDURE FOR SALE OF BONDS; AUTHORIZING SPECIAL ANNUAL RECURRING AD VALOREM TAXES UPON APPROVAL BY MAJORITY OF VOTING ELECTORS IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT AT ELECTION CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR REFUNDING BONDS; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION.

Correctly Enrolled: J E R Miller, *Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS*

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND 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 amendment to the Constitution of Oklahoma. Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma is hereby amended by the addition of Section 9C:

Section 9C. (a) The Legislature may provide for the organization, operation, maintenance and support of district ambulance services, known as emergency medical service districts and hereinafter referred to as "districts," which embrace one or more counties or parts thereof. The districts shall be concurrent geographically with existing Standard Health Planning Areas as

recognized and approved by the Oklahoma State Health Planning Commission. Each district, once established, shall have a board of directors, which membership shall be composed of one individual from each county, or part thereof, said board having the authority to alter said membership as it deems necessary. The district board shall have the power as authorized by the Legislature to contract, organize, maintain or otherwise regulate and support the provision of emergency medical services within said district. The districts shall continue in effect as defined, but shall be subject to amendment, recreation, alteration or abolition by the Legislature by enactment of general law.

(b) Any duly organized and authorized district may issue bonds after a majority vote of the qualified voters voting within the designated district have approved issue of such for the purpose of operating, maintaining or acquiring emergency vehicles and other equipment and to house same or otherwise supporting a district emergency medical service.

(c) Bonds shall not bear interest at a greater rate than that authorized by statute for the issuance of city municipal bonds. Bonds shall be sold only at public sale after twenty (20) days' advertisement in a newspaper for publication of legal notices with circulation in the district. Any district may refund its bonds as is now provided by law for refunding municipal bonds.

(d) A district, upon issuing bonds as authorized in subsection (b) of this Section, shall levy a special, annual ad valorem tax upon the property within the district, payable annually, in a total amount not to exceed four (4) mills on the dollar, in addition to the present millage permitted, on the real and personal taxable property therein for the payment of principal and/or interest on outstanding bonds until same are paid. However, the district may, from time to time, suspend the collection of such annual levy when not required for the payment of its bonds. In no event shall the real and personal taxable property in any city or town be subject to a special tax in excess of four (4) mills for the payment of bonds issued hereunder.

(e) There shall be pledged to the payment of principal and interest of the bonds herein authorized to be issued: (1) any net

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proceeds from operation of the district that the board of trustees of the district shall deem not necessary to the future operation and maintenance of said emergency medical service; (2) any monies available from other funds of the district not otherwise obligated; and (3) the proceeds of any tax which may be imposed for such purposes.

(f) Bonds shall be issued for designated sums with serial numbers thereon and maturing annually after three (3) years from date of issue. All bonds and interest thereon shall be paid upon maturity, and no bonds shall be issued for a period longer than thirty (30) years. The district may in its discretion schedule the payment of principal over the thirty-year period so that when interest is added there will be approximately level annual payments of principal and interest.

(g) The district may, upon approval by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the district voting at an election called for that purpose, levy an annual, recurring ad valorem tax not to exceed four (4) mills upon the property within the district, for the operation and maintenance of the emergency medical service, including purchase and rental of equipment.

(h) The board of trustees of the district shall have jurisdiction over the sale or refunding of any bonds issued by the district and shall be responsible for the economical expenditure of the funds derived from the bonds.

(i) The Legislature shall enact appropriate legislation pertaining to procedure, terms and necessary covenants for issuance of said bonds herein authorized and pertaining to the establishment, operation and regulation of emergency medical service districts, and all expenditures of the proceeds of the levies herein authorized shall be made in accordance with laws heretofore or hereafter enacted concerning such districts. Nothing herein shall prohibit other millage levies for emergency medical service districts or the use of other public funds for such purposes.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this Resolution shall be in the following form:

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BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional amendment

authorizing the creation of emergency medical service districts to provide ambulance service; providing for elections to issue bonds or provide a millage levy, not exceeding four (4) mills, in the form of an annual, recurring ad valorem tax upon real and personal property within the district for the purposes of operation, maintenance and support and repayment of bond principal and interest, and requiring a majority vote of district electors; allowing for refunding, maturity, interest and sale of bonds; granting authority to a board of trustees; and directing enactment of appropriate legislation

be approved by the people?

☐ YES

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

☐ NO

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, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 4. A special election is hereby ordered to be held throughout the State of Oklahoma on the date of the next statewide runoff 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.

Correctly Enrolled: _____ Chairman, Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills

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Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1974.

James E. Harrison
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 7 day of May, 1974.

Wm. P. Willis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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ENR. S. J. R. NO. 31

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1974, and correctly enrolled the 7th day of May, 1974.

Actg Herschel H. Crow
President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of May, 1974.

Wm P. Willis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 9th day of May, 1974, at 11:30, o'clock A.M.

John Lyons

By:

Correctly Enrolled: John R. McCurry, Chairman, COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS

(Enrolled in accordance with Senate Bill No. 116 of the Twenty-seventh Legislature)

STATE
OF
OKLAHOMA

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

LARRY DERRYBERRY

STATE CAPITOL, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105, TELEPHONE 405/521-3921

RECEIVED MAY 20 1974 JOHN ROGERS SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE

May 13, 1974

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. 1971, §9, he has examined the proposed Ballot Title for Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 31, of the Second Regular Session of the 34th Oklahoma Legislature, which, together with a copy of said Resolution was delivered to him on May 9, 1974, and from said examination finds that the submitted Ballot Title is in legal form and harmony with the law and does accurately and fully reflect the gist of said proposal. Therefore the following Ballot Title is approved for Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 31 and reads, as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum 204 State Question No. 504

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a constitutional amendment:

Amending Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution by creating Section 9c authorizing the Legislature to provide for emergency medical service districts,

providing for election to authorize issuance of bonds to acquire equipment and supporting other district services and to authorize a millage levy, not exceeding four (4) mills, in the form of an annual recurring ad valorem tax on district property for payment of bond principal and interest; providing for election to authorize additional four (4) mill levy for district operation and maintenance; providing authority of district trustees; and providing for appropriate legislation,

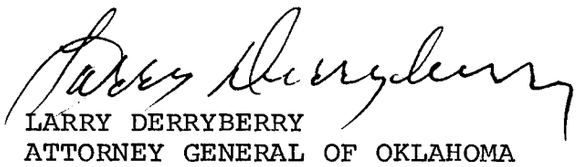
be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Yours very truly,



LARRY DERRYBERRY
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

MIKE D. MARTIN
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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