

STATE QUESTION NO. 524
INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 300

“WARNING”

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.

INITIATIVE PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID BOREN
GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA:

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed law 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 7th day of November, 1978, but preferably at a special election which might be called for said purpose as immediately as possible after filing of this petition, 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 February 14, 1977. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed Statute be approved?”

TITLE

PROVIDING INTENT OF PEOPLE TO INITIATE FIVE-YEAR TAG AND MONTHLY STAGGERED REGISTRATION AND LICENSING THROUGH MAIL ORDER RENEWAL PLAN; PROVIDING ALL REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION THROUGH ITS MOTOR LICENSE AGENTS TO BE ISSUED THROUGH MAIL ORDER SYSTEM; PROVIDING OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION SHALL UTILIZE CERTAIN PROCEDURES; PROVIDING CERTAIN GUIDELINES FOR MAIL ORDER SYSTEM; PROVIDING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR FIVE-YEAR LICENSE TAG AND MONTHLY STAGGERED REGISTRATION SYSTEM; PROVIDING COUNTY TREASURER APPOINTMENT AS MOTOR LICENSE AGENT; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES AND FINES; REPEALING 47 O.S. 1971, SECTIONS 22.4, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 219, O.S.L. 1976, 22.13, 22.17, 22.18, 22.23, 22.26 AND SECTION 3, CHAPTER 169, O.S.L. 1975 (47 O.S. SUPP. 1976, SECTIONS 22.4 AND 22.30 1-2), WHICH PROVIDE CERTAIN RULES REGULATING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING; DIRECTING CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SUPERSEDING OF ANY INCONSISTENT LAWS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

SECTION 1. In order to facilitate the distribution of all registration and licensing under the License Registration Laws within the State of Oklahoma, in view of the increasing population and demands on the system as first initiated, the people hereby declare

that it is the intent that a five-year tag and monthly staggered registration and licensing system be initiated by a mail order renewal plan which shall be developed and implemented by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Provided, further, that such mail renewal shall apply to all licenses and registrations which the Oklahoma Tax Commission is authorized to administer through its motor license agents appointed under the License Registration Laws of this state. It is the further intent of the people in implementing the new plan, that the Commission shall utilize those procedures which can be satisfactorily adopted from those statutory procedural sections heretofore used for registration and licensing.

SECTION 2. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall annually notify through the mail all persons within the state who have a previous registration and license on record the period for registration and licensing of all registrations and licenses it is authorized to administer. Such notice shall contain all necessary information for such registration and licensing and shall contain instructions as to the procedure for renewal upon presentation to a motor license agent or by return mail to the Commission's state office. All revenues received by the Commission for all registrations and licensing through the mail shall be treated as if received in the county of residence of the applicant and shall be distributed in the manner and for such purposes as heretofore provided by law; except that any fees that were heretofore received by motor license agents as charges for registration and licensing shall be retained by the Tax Commission for those registrations and licenses the Commission issues through the mail to be used to finance the mail renewal program.

Failure by any applicant to receive notification of renewal as provided by this act shall not excuse the applicant from properly obtaining any registration or license at the proper time by presenting proof of ownership to a motor license agent or the Commission's state office.

SECTION 3. A. The Commission shall establish a five-year license tag that shall be designed in such a manner that decals shall be applied to the tag for each year after the initial year of issue resulting in such tag being valid for a five-year period. The registration and licensing of motor vehicles shall be on a monthly series basis to distribute the work of registering motor vehicles as uniformly as practicable throughout the twelve (12) months of the calendar year. There are established twelve (12) registration periods, each of which shall start on the first day of each calendar month of the year and shall end on the last day of the twelfth month from the date of beginning. Motor vehicles operated for the first time upon the public highways of this state, to and including the fifteenth day of any given month, shall be subject to registration and payment of the fee for the twelve-month period commencing the first day of the month of such operation. Motor vehicles operated for the first time on the public highways of this state after the fifteenth day of any given month shall be subject to registration and payment of a fee for the twelve-month period commencing the first day of the next following calendar month.

B. Motor vehicles not previously registered in Oklahoma and operated for the first time on the public highways of this state may be initially registered for less than a twelve-month period at the Commission's option when, in their judgment, such fractional registration period shall tend to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series registration system. A person who

registers more than one (1) motor vehicle may have all of his vehicles initially registered in the same manner as provided herein. Any person who obtains a new or used vehicle may, upon registration, have the registration period adjusted as provided herein to allow future registration of all his motor vehicles at the same period.

Upon expiration of the initial fractional registration periods, motor vehicles so registered shall thereafter be registered for twelve-month periods.

C. Whenever the Commission shall determine from an increase or decrease in number of registrations of all types of motor vehicles in any given month that the volume of clerical work of registration of all types of motor vehicles in such month has become so disproportionate to the volume of work in the remaining registration periods as to render the system burdensome or inefficient, the Commission is authorized and empowered to change the registration period of any number of motor vehicles as may be necessary to increase or reduce the volume of registration in one (1) or more periods by advancing the renewal date and shortening the registration period of such motor vehicles.

The shifting of registration periods shall be accomplished by notifying the registrants of the change, giving them credit for that portion of the registration period not yet elapsed. In such instances the Commission shall order the registrant to surrender the license plate, decals and registration certificate held by him and shall assign and issue, without cost to the

owner, new plates, decals and registration certificate designating the new registration expiration date.

SECTION 4. The Commission may designate the office of county treasurer of any county within the state as a motor license agent.

SECTION 5. The Commission shall administer and enforce such penalties and fines as shall be established by the legislature.

SECTION 6. 47 O.S. 1971, Sections 22.4, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1976, 22.13, 22.17, 22.18, 22.23, 22.26 and Section 3, Chapter 169, O.S.L. 1975 (47 O.S. Supp. 1976, Sections 22.4 and 22.30 1-2), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Sections 22.41 through 22.44 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering.

SECTION 8. Should any provision of this act be in conflict with any law, rule or regulation of this state, this act shall govern and control and such other law, rule or regulation shall be deemed superseded or repealed insofar as necessary to avoid the conflict.

SECTION 9. The provisions of this act are severable and if any part or provision hereof shall be held void the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this act.

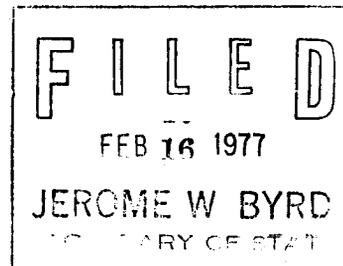
SECTION 10. This act shall become effective ninety (90) days after approval and passage.

STATE
OF
OKLAHOMA
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
LARRY DERRYBERRY

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



February 16, 1977



The Honorable Jerome W. Byrd
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Byrd:

You are hereby notified that pursuant to the discretion and duty lodged in and imposed upon the Attorney General by 34 O.S. Supp. 1976, §9, he has examined the proposed ballot title to State Question No. 524, as proposed in Initiative Petition No. 300, and from said examination finds that said ballot title 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

State Question No. 524

Initiative Petition No. 300

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a statute

allowing the registration and licensing performed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission through its motor license agents to be performed directly by the Oklahoma Tax Commission through a mail order system; requiring Oklahoma Tax Commission to utilize specified procedures; providing guidelines for mail order system; providing for five-year license tag and monthly staggered registration; authorizing appointment

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of county treasurer as motor license agent;
repealing inconsistent laws; becoming effective ninety (90) days after adoption

be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED STATUTE BE APPROVED?

YES - FOR THE STATUTE

NO - AGAINST THE STATUTE

Yours very truly,

Mike D. Martin

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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