ENROLLED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1021

ENACTED BY THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

NUMBERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 237, STATE QUESTION NO. 561
RECEIVED: JUNE 23, 1983
Resolution

BY: McCORKELL and DENMAN of the HOUSE, and

RANDLE of the SENATE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1021

A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9A OF ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES FOR LEVYING AND REPEALING AD VALOREM TAX FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH; INCREASING MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF LEVY; AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO JOIN WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO MAINTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH; ALLOWING OTHER LEVIES AND PUBLIC FUNDS TO BE USED FOR DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLE; DIRECTING FILING; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 39TH 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 9A of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 9A. For the purpose of maintaining or aiding in maintaining a department of health within any county of the State, an additional levy not to exceed two-and-one-half five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the county may be levied annually, when such levy is approved by a majority of the qualified ad valorem tax paying voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the Board of County Commissioners, or by initiative petition by voters of a county. A maximum levy of two-and-one-half five (5) mills may be made for such purpose after such approval until repealed by a majority of the qualified ad valorem tax paying voters of the county, voting on the question at an election called for such purpose by the Board of County Commissioners, or by initiative petition by voters of a county. Such department of health may be maintained jointly or in conjunction with one or more counties, cities, towns or school districts, or any combination thereof, and shall be maintained as now or hereafter provided by law. Nothing herein shall prohibit other levies or the use of other public funds for such department of health.

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:
BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____  State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional amendment

amending Section 9A of Article X of the Constitution of
the State of Oklahoma which provides for ad valorem
taxation for county departments of health; increasing
amount of millage from two and one-half mills to five
mills; requiring voter approval; providing for
termination of the tax levy; authorizing counties to
join with other political subdivisions to maintain
departments of health; allowing other levies or public
funds to be used for departments of health

be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

☐ YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

☐ NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

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 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 statewide
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 House of Representatives the 16th day of June, 1983.

[Signature]
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of June, 1983.

[Signature]
Acting President of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the secretary of State this 23rd day of June, 1983, at 2:21 p.m.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

ENR. H. J. R. NO. 1021 Page 3
The Honorable Jeannette B. Edmondson  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  73105  

Dear Mrs. Edmondson:

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 34 of the Oklahoma Statutes 1981  
9 as amended by House Bill 1176 of the 1983 Session of the Oklahoma  
Legislature, you have submitted the following Ballot Title for certification  
of the eighth-grade reading comprehension level:

"This measure would amend Section 9A of Article X of the Oklahoma  
Constitution. The present law provides for ad valorem tax of up to  
two and one-half mills. This is to support the county health departments.  
This measure would increase the millage amount from two and one-half  
mills to five mills. It requires voter approval. It would provide  
for termination of tax levy. It would authorize counties to join with  
other political subdivisions to maintain the health departments. It  
would allow other levies or public funds to be used for health departments.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

(  ) Yes, for the amendment.  
(  ) No, against the amendment.

I am unable to certify the above Ballot Title as being at the eighth-  
grade reading comprehension level.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Leslie Fisher  
State Superintendent

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OF STATE
November 16, 1983

The Honorable Michael C. Turpen
Attorney General, State of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Turpen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 34 of the Oklahoma Statutes §9
as amended by House Bill Number 1176 of the 1983 Session of the Oklahoma
Legislature, the Secretary of State has written the official ballot title
for Legislative Referendum Number 237, State Question Number 561.

The official ballot title reads as follows:

This measure would amend Section 9 A of Article X of the Oklahoma
Constitution. The present law provides for an ad valorem tax of up to
21⁄2 mills. This measure would increase the tax to five mills to
maintain county health departments. It would have provisions to
terminate the tax levy. It would authorize the counties to join
with one or more counties, cities, towns, or school districts, or
any combination thereof, to maintain the health departments. It
would allow other levies or public funds to be used for health
departments.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

( ) Yes, for the amendment?

( ) No, against the amendment?

The Secretary of State herewith submits the official ballot title
to Legislative Referendum Number 237, State Question Number 561 for review
as to the legal correctness and to receive notification of whether or not
the ballot title is in legal form and harmony with the law.

Sincerely,

Esta M. Philip
Assistant Secretary of State

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11-16-83
November 21, 1983

The Honorable Jeannette B. Edmondson
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Re: Ballot Title for Legislative Referendum No. 237,
State Question No. 561

Dear Secretary Edmondson:


The Attorney General has reviewed your proposed official ballot title for Legislative Referendum No. 237, State Question No. 561 for legal correctness, and finds that the title is in legal form and in harmony with the law, and does hereby so certify.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Turpen
Attorney General of Oklahoma

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