

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NUMBER 248
ENACTED BY THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
NUMBERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NUMBER 249, STATE QUESTION NUMBER 582
RECEIVED: May 25, 1984

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 248

BY: RANDLE of the SENATE
and
FRIED of the HOUSE

AN ACT DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION, WHICH RELATES TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION; LIMITING EXEMPTION TO NONPROFIT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES; REMOVING EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR EX-UNION AND EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIDOWS; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLE; AND DIRECTING FILING.

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

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 6 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, to read as follows:

Section 6. All property used for free public libraries, free museums, public cemeteries, property used exclusively for nonprofit schools, and colleges, and all property used exclusively for religious and charitable purposes, and all property of the United States, and of this state, and of counties and of municipalities of this state; household goods of the heads of families, tools, implements, and livestock employed in the support of the family, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in value, and all growing crops, shall be exempt from taxation: Provided, that all property not herein specified now exempt from taxation under the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, shall be exempt from taxation until otherwise provided by law: ~~And provided further, that there shall be exempt from taxation to all ex-Union and ex-Confederate soldiers, bona-fide residents of this state, and to all widows of ex-Union and ex-Confederate soldiers, who are heads of families and bona-fide residents of this state, personal property not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars in value.~~

All property owned by the Murrow Indian Orphan Home, located in Coal County, and all property owned by the Whitaker Orphan Home, located in Mayes County, so long as the same shall be used exclusively as free homes or schools for orphan children, and for poor and indigent persons, and all fraternal orphan homes, and other orphan homes, together with all their charitable funds, shall be exempt from taxation, and such property as may be exempt by reason of treaty stipulations, existing between the Indians and the United States government, or by federal laws, during the force and effect of such treaties or federal laws. The Legislature may authorize any incorporated city or town, by a majority vote of its electors voting thereon, to exempt manufacturing establishments and public utilities from municipal taxation, for a period not exceeding five (5) years, as an inducement to their location.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this act 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 6 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by limiting the exemption from property taxation for schools and colleges to nonprofit schools and colleges, and by removing the exemption from taxation for ex-Union and ex-Confederate soldiers and their widows

be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the effective date of this act, 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.

Correctly Enrolled John R. McLean

Passed the Senate the 14th day of May, 1984.

Murray Park
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1984.

Jim Barber
Speaker of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this _____

25th day of May, 1984,

at 3:35 o'clock P. M.

Jeanette D. Edmondson

By: _____



MICHAEL C. TURPEN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
STATE CAPITOL, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105

September 6, 1984

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

RE: Ballot Title for Legislative Referendum No.249,
State Question Number 582

Dear Secretary Edmondson:

The Attorney General has received your letter dated September 5, 1984, requesting review of the subject Ballot Title as required by 34 O.S.Supp.1983, § 9.

The Ballot Title as proposed by you and approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, reads as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

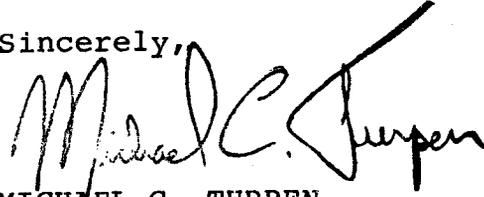
This measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would amend section 6 of Article X. This section relates to property that is not taxed. The measure would permit the taxing of schools and colleges which operate for a profit. As in the past, non-profit schools and colleges would not be taxed. The measure would also remove the tax exemption for the ex-Civil War soldiers and their widows.

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

- (1) Yes, for the amendment
- (2) No, against the amendment

The Attorney General has reviewed your proposed official ballot title for Legislative Referendum No.249, State Question No.582 and certifies that the proposed ballot title is in legal form and harmony with the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Turpen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

MICHAEL C. TURPEN
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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