

STATE QUESTION NO. 61
REFERENDUM PETITION NO. 24

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Approved May 13, 1913.

To the Attorney General - The above is proposed as the ballot title for the proposition submitted by the attached referendum petition.

*McAdams & Hassell, Attorneys
for John Rainey*

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Approved May 13, 1913

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

TO THE PUBLIC:

This is to certify that there was filed in the office of Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma, on Saturday, September 13, 1913, a Referendum Petition entitled State Question No. 61, Referendum Petition No. 24, the ballot title of which is as follows:

"The gist of this proposition is to repeal Chapter 185, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, being an Act entitled:

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Said Petition has 16,396 signatures.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 17th day of September, A.D., 1913.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

September the 13, 1913.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That John Rainey of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has this date filed in the office of the Secretary of State, State of Oklahoma, a petition entitled " State Question No. 61, Referendum Petition No. 24", being a Referendum Petition on Senate Bill No. 50 of the Fourth Legislature, approved May the 13, 19 13. Said petition contains 867 pamphlets bearing 16,396 signatures.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and attached the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma.

Secretary of State.

ARGUMENT FOR SENATE BILL NO. 50, AND AGAINST
ITS REPEAL AS PROPOSED BY STATE QUESTION NO. 61,
PETITION FOR REFERENDUM NO. 24.

Senate Bill No. 50 passed by the last Legislature is an excellent anti-race track gambling bill, the operation of which will abolish from the state race track gambling and pool-selling or "turf-exchange" nuisances, whereby races run out of the state are gambled on. It is a well known fact that race track gambling is one of the most seductive forms of gambling. In Oklahoma City alone the defalcations of public officers and private employees during the last three years, which have been directly traced to race track gambling, amount to more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).

The gamblers, and chiefly the race track gamblers, financed this Referendum Petition No. ____, and are now furnishing the money for the campaign being made in support of this State Question No. ____, whereby they seek to accomplish the repeal of this splendid legislative enactment.

This Act was passed by a decisive majority vote in both Houses of the Legislature and was signed by Governor Cruce. Where are you going to stand Mr. Voter, for common decency and the public welfare by upholding the hands of Governor Cruce and the Legislature, or for that seductive vice and debased ideal which is one of the principal causes contributing to the state of anarchy and depravity now prevailing in the Republic of Mexico, by casting your vote for the gamblers?

The gambler is to Society what the chinch-bug and grasshopper are to the growing grain--a parasite and a leech.. The Gambler makes of a professional man a vagabond; of a merchant, a bankrupt; of a public officer or trusted employee, a defaulter. He cares for nothing but dirty gold. He produces nothing but crime, depravity and degradation.

The patriotic man, the self-respecting man, the home-loving man will not align himself with the gambler, but will, in answer to State Question No. ____, "SHALL IT BE REPEALED", vote "NO".

Campbell Russell
Ed Fred S. Caldwell
For the members of the Legislative
Committee.

Sept. 13-1913

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CHAS. WEST,
ATTORNEY GENERAL
SMITH C. MATSON
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CHARLES L. MOORE
EDWARD G. SPILMAN
ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

OKLAHOMA CITY Sept. 17, 1913

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PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS

To the Secretary of State

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir,--

In Re State Question No. 61
Referendum Petition No. 24

You are hereby notified that the petitioners
in the above matter have requested a ballot title therein
which is hereby approved and adopted. It is in the
following words:

"Ballot Title

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Chapter 185, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, being an
Act entitled:

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and the making, writing or selling of books or pools or
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of horses, or race of any kind; making it a violation of
the law to use, rent or lease a building for the purpose
of operating a pool hall; making it a violation of law
for a telegraph company or agent thereof to furnish news
of the result of any horse race run within or without
this state'.

Approved May 13, 1913".

Very respectfully,

Chas West

Attorney General

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OKLAHOMA CITY

BENJAMIN F. HARRISON
SECRETARY

HUGH L. HARRELL
ASST. SECRETARY

June 24th, 1914.

To the
State Board of Public Affairs, and
Secretary, State Election Board,
Oklahoma City;

Gentlemen:

In Compliance with Section 3380, Revised Laws of
Oklahoma, 1910, I hereby certify that the following is a
true copy of ballot titles of Referendum Measures filed in
this office:

State Question No. 59, Referendum Petition No. 22, Fil-
ed May 17th, 1913

Ballot Title. "The gist of the measure is to amend the
constitution of the State, so that the Legislature shall have
power to levy taxes in aid of the common schools of the state,
and to provide for the apportionment and distribution thereof
among those school districts of the state in which a ten mill
advalorem levy and money derived from all other sources is in-
sufficient to maintain common schools for five months in a
year, giving to such districts out of said fund hereby auth-
orised such additional sum as is necessary to maintain schools
therein five months in each year."

State Question No. 61, Referendum Petition No. 24, Fil-
ed September 13th, 1913.

"Ballot Title." "The gist of this proposition is to repeal
Chapter 105, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, being an Act en-
titled:

"An Act to prevent and punish betting, gambling and
the making, writing or selling of books or pools or mutuels
on the result of any trotting race or running race of horses,
or race of any kind; making it a violation of the law to use,
rent or lease a building for the purpose of operating a pool
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State Question No. 62, Referendum Petition No. 25, Filed
September 13th, 1913.

"Ballot Title. "The gist of this proposition is to repeal
Chapter 128, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, the same being an
Act entitled:

"An Act to amend Sections 2519, 2520, and 2528 of the Gen-
eral Statutes of 1893, of the State of Oklahoma relating to gam-
bling; and providing penalties for running slot machines; and pro-
viding for civil penalty against owners of premises permitting
same to be used in violation of section one of this act". Appro-
ved April 14, 1913."

State Question No. 68, Initiative Petition No. 41, Filed
April 30th, 1914.

"Ballot Title. "Gist is to re-enact the direct and indirect
system of taxation contained in Chapter 240, Session Laws 1913,
in providing (1) Amendments to present methods of assessment,
levy and appeals, exempts bonds of state and its municipalities
from advalorem tax; (2) method of taxation of banks, both state
and national, effective prior to May 16, 1913 (3) Mining property
tax law raising rate of tax on oil production to ten mills (4)
Taxation of certain transmission companies according to gross re-
ceipts only, (5) Graduated Tax on land holdings exceeding six
hundred and forty acres, or of value exceeding ten thousand dol-
lars.

Also I am transmitting duplicate copies of arguments filed.
in re STATE Question No. 68, Initiative Petition No. 41.

Very respectfully,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

June 25, 1944.

Hon. Joe S. Morris,
Secretary of State Election Board,
City.

Dear Sir: IN RE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS REQUIRED
 BY LAW TO BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
 TO VOTERS:

Replying to yours of even date, inclosing
copy of opinion from the Attorney General, I take
pleasure in inclosing herewith a certified copy of
State Questions No. 59, 61 and 62-- certified copy
of State Question No. 68 having already been trans-
mitted to you.

Very truly yours,

STATE QUESTION NO. 61, REFERENDUM PETITION NUMBER 24.

Yes-Sublt-List No.	Yes-Sublt-List	No	Sublt-List
589	Adair	1053	Lincoln
504	Alfalfa	1179	Logan
682	Atoka	585	Love
481	Beaver	752	Medlin
1233	Beckham	975	McChurtain
869	Blaine	698	McIntosh
1768	Bryan	308	Major
1541	Caddo	781	Marshall
971	Canadian	350-45	Mays
1502	Carter	688	Murray
948	Cherokee	2232	Muskogee
1048	Choctaw	571	Noble
165	Cimarron	611-8	Nowata
804	Clareland	571	Oklahoma
998	Coal	569	Oklahoma
1106	Comanche	4472	Okmulgee
621	Cotton	982	Osage
628	Craig	1051	Ottawa
889-230	Custer	860	Ottawa
680	Delaware	781	Payson
430	Dewey	804	Payson
478	Ellis	823	Payson
632	Garfield	1371	Pittsburg
1120	Garfield	1414	Pittsburg
1483	Harvin	1034	Pottotoc
1231	Grady	1756	Pottawatomie
1570	Grant	667	Pushmataha
860	Grant	513	Roger Mills
767	Greer	524	Rogers
361	Harmon	549	Rogers
234	Harper	752	Rogers
874	Haskell	748	Seminole
1241-13	Hughes	942	Sequoyah
755	Jackson	931-123	Sequoyah
693-2	Jefferson	991-123	Stephens
853	Johnston	430	Texas
936	Kay	767	Texas
719	Kingfisher	1884	Tillman
924	Kiowa	1892	Tillman
303	Latimer	1939	Wagoner
739	LeFlore	446	Washington
		1092	Washington
		848	Washita
		697	Woods
		542	Woodward
		961	Woodward
			TOTAL
		48,457-421	YES*
		443	NO*
		68,878	
		76,495	

The official returns show that State Question Number 61, Referendum Petition Number 24 carried by 7,617 majority.

I, Joe S. Morris, Secretary of the State Election Board of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct vote cast for and against State Question Number Sixty-One (61), Referendum Petition Number Twenty-Four (24), in each and every County in the State of Oklahoma at the Primary election held on the Fourth day of August, A.D. 1914, as shown by the Official returns of the respective County Election Boards of the State of Oklahoma, as now appears of record in the office of the State Election Board of the State of Oklahoma.

In testimony whereof I haveunto set my hand and affix my Official seal of office, this Fifteenth day of September, A.D. 1914.



Joe S. Morris
SECRETARY STATE ELECTION BOARD.