

**ENROLLED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1015
ENACTED BY THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
42ND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
NUMBERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**STATE QUESTION NUMBER 641
LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NUMBER 287**

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Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1015

BY: ROACH and McCORKELL of the
HOUSE

and

WILLIAMS (Penny) and LONG
(Lewis) of the SENATE

A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REFER TO THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE X TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 6C; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN TAXING AUTHORITIES TO GRANT CERTAIN TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLE; AND DIRECTING FILING.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 42ND 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 Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 6C to read as follows:

Section 6C. A. The Legislature, by law, may grant incorporated cities, towns, or counties the ability to provide incentives, exemptions and other forms of relief from taxation for historic preservation, reinvestment, or enterprise areas that are exhibiting economic stagnation or decline. Relief from taxes imposed by other local taxing jurisdictions shall only be allowed by contractual arrangement with the municipal or county governing body. The law shall require public hearings before such relief may be granted and shall provide for the local initiative power and referendum of the people. The Legislature may set limitations on the cumulative incentives and relief provided pursuant to the provisions of this section, the time period for the exemptions, the geographical area of the jurisdiction covered, the percentage of the tax base of the jurisdiction eligible for the relief programs, and threshold limits of investment credit and jobs created.

B. The Legislature, by law, may authorize that the cities, towns, or counties may specifically use local taxes and local fees, in whole or in part, for specific public investments, assistance in development financing, or as a specific revenue source for other public entities in the area in which the improvements take place and may direct the apportionment of the taxes and fees specified in this subsection for the purposes specified in this section. The Legislature may establish for this subsection, the same procedures and limitations authorized in subsection A of this section.

C. The Legislature, by law, may authorize any city, town, or county to plan, finance and carry out the development or redevelopment of areas determined by the governing body of such city, town, or county to be unproductive, undeveloped, underdeveloped or blighted. The authority of the county shall be limited to the unincorporated areas of such county but any city, town or county may by agreement jointly plan, finance or carry out a development plan

with any other public or private entity for one or more development projects within their respective boundaries.

D. Any city, town, or county may exercise the provisions of this section separately or in combination with powers granted by any other laws of this state.

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:

This measure would add a new Section 6C to the Oklahoma Constitution. It would allow the Legislature to permit cities and counties to give tax exemptions and other tax relief. Such tax relief would be granted for certain areas that are in economic decline. The Legislature could set limits on the tax relief. Local taxes and fees may be used to assist in funding the development of such areas. A city or county may plan, finance and carry out the development of such areas.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

/ YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

/ NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1990.

Alton S. Sikes
Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 1990.

ACTING Herb Ryzell
President of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 25th
day of May, 1990,
at 6:05, o'clock P M.

By: Bruce F. Fester