ENROLLED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

ENACTED BY THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
47TH LEGISLATURE, 1999, OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
NUMBERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE QUESTION NUMBER 685

LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NUMBER 315

Received: April 7, 1999
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, which relates to county health departments; authorizing additional millage levy for certain purpose in certain counties; specifying maximum amount thereof; requiring voter approval; updating certain language; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH 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. A. 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 (2 1/2) 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 registered 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.

B. In addition to a levy imposed pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section, in any county with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for the purpose of maintaining a department of health within such county, an additional levy not to exceed two and one-half (2 1/2) 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 registered 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 such county.

C. A maximum levy of two and one-half mills approved pursuant to the provisions of this section may be made for such purpose after
such approval until repealed by a majority of the qualified ad
valorem tax-paying registered 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.

D. 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:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It will allow an
additional levy of up to 2 1/2 mills for county health
departments. The new levy will only be allowed in counties with
more than 500,000 persons.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

☐ YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT
☐ NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
immediately after the passage 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.
Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 1999.

ACTING President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of April, 1999.

ACTING Speaker of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 7th day of April, 1999, at 11:27 A.M.

By:

ENR. S. J. R. NO. 3
Mr. Mike Hunter, Secretary of State
Office of the Secretary of State
101 State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Re: Ballot Title for State Question No. 685, Legislative Referendum No. 315

Dear Secretary Hunter:

Having found that the suggested Ballot title for the above-referenced State Question was not in harmony with the law, we have, in accordance with the provisions of 34 O.S. Supp. 1998, § 9(C)(1), prepared the following substitute Ballot Title for filing in your office. As a Title 34 Ballot Title review, the following does not constitute an Attorney General’s Opinion on the merits or constitutionality of the underlying proposed change in the law. The substitute Ballot Title reads as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

This measure amends the State Constitution. It will allow a county to increase property taxes by up to two and one-half mills to support county health departments. The new tax will only be allowed in counties with more than 500,000 persons. The new tax must be approved by county voters.
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SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

W. A. DREW EDMONDSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

WAE:DFP:mkb
November 14, 2000

The Honorable Mike Hunter
Secretary of State
Room 101, State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Enclosed please find a copy of the official returns of the vote at the General Election on November 7, 2000, on the following measures, as certified to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma:

State Question No. 684, Legislative Referendum No. 314
State Question No. 685, Legislative Referendum No. 315
State Question No. 686, Legislative Referendum No. 316
State Question No. 688, Legislative Referendum No. 317
State Question No. 690, Legislative Referendum No. 318
State Question No. 692, Legislative Referendum No. 320

Sincerely,

LANCE WARD, Secretary
State Election Board

LW/mf

Receipt of the above hereby is acknowledged on this 14th day of November, 2000.

By: 

Time: 10:28
November 14, 2000

The Honorable Frank Keating
Governor of the State of Oklahoma
Room 212, State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Keating:

Pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. 1991, §12-118, the State Election Board herewith certifies the results of the vote at the General Election on November 7, 2000, on the following measures:

**STATE QUESTION No. 684**
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM No. 314**

YES: 554,256
NO: 569,557

**STATE QUESTION No. 685**
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM No. 315**

YES: 403,874
NO: 730,859

**STATE QUESTION No. 686**
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM No. 316**

YES: 641,591
NO: 487,547
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STATE QUESTION NO. 688
LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 317

YES: 798,238
NO: 337,175

STATE QUESTION NO. 690
LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 318

YES: 612,955
NO: 306,664

STATE QUESTION NO. 692
LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 320

YES: 775,740
NO: 351,545

Sincerely,

LANCE WARD, Secretary
State Election Board

LW/mf

Receipt of the above hereby is acknowledged on this 14th day of November, 2000.

By: Wm. L. Cox

Time: 9:34 a.m.