

(STATE QUESTION NO. 73; INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 46)

WARNING

"It is a felony for any man to sign an initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his own, or knowingly to sign his name more than once for the measure, or sign such petition when he is not a legal voter."

(STATE QUESTION NO.; INITIATIVE PETITION NO.)

To the Honorable Lee Cruce, Governor of Oklahoma:

We the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Oklahoma and county

of, respectfully order that the following proposed Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the next election held throughout the State, and each for himself says:

I have personally signed this petition: I am a legal voter of the State of Okla-

homa, and County of, my residence and postoffice are correctly written after my name. The time for filing

this petition expires ninety days from, 1914.

The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

Shall the following proposed amendment to adopted:

AN AMENDMENT ENTITLED:
THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS TO AMEND SECTION 11 OF ARTICLE II OF
THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA SO AS TO MAKE DRUNKEN-
NESS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS CAUSE FOR IM-
PEACHMENT OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

Be it Enacted By the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 11 of Article II shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 11. Every person elected or appointed to any office or employment of trust or profit under the laws of the state, or under any ordinance of any municipality thereof, shall give personal attention to the duties of the office to which he is elected or appointed. Drunkenness and the excessive use of intoxicating liquors while in office shall constitute sufficient cause for impeachment or removal therefrom.

J. S. Estes
C. S. Wortman

CHAS. WEST,
ATTORNEY GENERAL

SMITH C. MATSON
CHARLES L. MOORE
SAMUEL I. McELHOES
CLAUDE J. DAVENPORT
JOSEPH L. HULL
ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

OKLAHOMA CITY

June 6, 1914.

PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS ~~CLM-B~~

State Question No. 73,
Initiative Petition No. 46
Ballot Title.

To the

Secretary of State,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

S i r:

The proposed ballot title submitted by the
proposers of the above numbered question is hereby
approved in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"The gist of the proposition is to amend
Section Eleven of Article Two of the State Constitution
of Oklahoma as to make drunkenness and excessive use
of intoxicating liquors cause for impeachment or removal
from office."

Very respectfully,

Charles L. Moore

Asst. Attorney General.

SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM
OKLAHOMA CITY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Secretary's Office

This instrument was filed for record on
the _____ day of _____
A. D., 1917 at _____ o'clock A. M.

Recorded in _____ at Page _____
Corporators

W. Benjamin Johnson
Secretary of State
BY *W. B. Wells*

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OKLAHOMA CITY

BENJAMIN F. HARRISON
SECRETARY

HUGH L. HARRELL
ASST SECRETARY

July 2nd., 1914.

RECEIVED of J. S. Estes and C. S. Wortman, Twenty-
One Hundred and Eighty Four (2184) pamphlets of State
Question Number Seventy-three (73), Initiative Petiti-
on Number Forty-^{six}~~eight~~ (46); Seventeen Hundred and Six-
ty-six (1766) of said pamphlets containing Twenty (20)
names each and Four Hundred and Eighteen (418) pamph-
lets containing less than twenty names, making a to-
tal of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred and Six (40,906).

WITNESS my hand, this the second day of July,
A.D., 1914.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

July 11, 1914.

Honorable Lee Cruise,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:--

Under the provisions of Sec. 3379 of the Harris-Day Code of Oklahoma, I have the honor to certify that there was filed in this office on July 2, 1914, an Initiative Petition which is styled "State Question No. 73, Initiative Petition No. 46", having a ballot title, regularly approved and submitted by the Attorney General, as follows:--

"The gist of the proposition is to amend Section Eleven of Article Two of the State Constitution of Oklahoma so as to make drunkenness and excessive use of intoxicating liquors cause for impeachment or removal from office".

Said petition has 40,906 signatures--this being a greater number of signatures than is required by law to initiate an amendment to the Constitution.

Said petition has not been protested against, the time in which to file a protest, as provided by law, having expired.

Very respectfully,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
LEE CRUCE, GOVERNOR
OKLAHOMA CITY

July 14th, 1914.

Hon. Benjamin F. Harrison,

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th certifying to me that there was filed in your office on July 2nd, 1914, an Initiative Petition which is styled, "State Question No. 73, Initiative Petition No. 46", and that such petition has 40,906 signatures, being a greater number of signatures than is required by law to initiate an amendment to the Constitution, and that such petition has not been protested as within the time provided by law.

Yours truly,


Governor.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OKLAHOMA CITY

BENJAMIN F. HARRISON
SECRETARY

HUGH L. HARRELL
ASST SECRETARY

July 16th, 1914.

Hon. Joe S. Morris,

Secretary of State Election Board,

Oklahoma, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose forty copies of arguments
submitted in re Initiative Petition No. 46, State
Question No. 73, also certified copy of same peti-
tion.

Yours very respectfully,

Assistant Secretary of State.

HLH/JHP

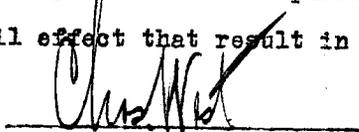
Oct 1914
Also sent to
affairs

ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF STATE QUESTION
NO. 73.

This is an amendment to the Constitution of Section 11 of Article II. It amends the present section which requires every officer to give personal attention to the duties of his office by adding a clause which makes drunkenness and the excessive use of intoxicating liquors while in office, a ground for impeachment or removal.

We have at present a statute which makes habitual drunkenness a ground for removal, but it is ineffective. The habitual drunkard rarely rises to the place in a community where he holds public office. The evil which this amendment attempts to correct is the occasional drunkenness. No big business concern would retain a man in its employ who went on occasional sprees. An occasional spree is liable to be costly to the concern for which a man works. It is to prevent this that this amendment is proposed. The State should not have in its employ men who drink to excess, even though it is not habitual with them. A public officer, with the heavy responsibilities which public office imposes, might cause the State many difficulties by one drunken spree.

For the seven years I have been in office as Attorney General, I have seen the evil effects produced by the use of whiskey by public officials. The time has come when whiskey must be absolutely divorced from public office. This amendment will effect that result in Oklahoma.

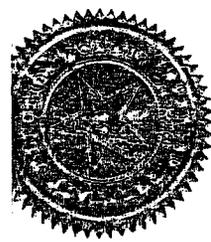


STATE QUESTION NUMBER 73, INITIATIVE PETITION NUMBER 46.

Yes	Supl't list	No Supl't list	Yes Supl't list	No Supl't list
Adair	821	256	LeFlore	1206
Alfalfa	1142	301	Lincoln	2161
Atoka	923	237	Logan	1972
Bascom	650	162	Love	880
Beckham	1638	455	McClain	1147
Elaine	1225-18	305-3	McClain	1415-105
Eryan	2541	825	McIntosh	952-199
Canadian	2800	786	Major	680
Carter	1793	516	Marshall	1084
Cherokee	2243	353	Mayes	404-56
Choctaw	1498	397	Murray	961
Cimarron	293	96	Muskogee	3224-4
Clayland	1408	370	Noble	1804-12
Coal	1486	506	Ottawa	790
Comanche	1621	381	Ottawa	7209
Cotton	1073	288	Ottawa	1890
Craig	1073	276	Ottawa	1527
Creek	1382-360	426-100	Osage	1337-41
Delaware	1498	505	Ottawa	1290
Dewey	688	209	Payne	1118
Ellis	1277	205	Payne	1574
Garfield	2037	261	Pittsburg	2090
Garvin	2008	690	Pontotoc	1708
Grady	2571	501	Pottawatomie	310
Grant	1208	730	Pushmataha	3051
Greer	1391	286	Pushmataha	967
Harmon	853	325	Roger Mills	832
Harper	430	231	Rogers	1076
Haskell	1435	96	Seminole	1002
Hughes	1856-18	285	Seminole	1461
Jackson	1564	393-21	Stephens	1685-202
Jefferson	1163-9	528	Texas	808
Johnston	1450	348-4	Texas	2486
May	1791	385	Tillman	2770-249
Kingfisher	1327	414	Tulsa	1648-56
Kiowa	1810-26	523	Wagoner	188-17
Latimer	725	411-14	Washington	545
		253	Woods	416-25
			Woodward	396
			Woodward	312

Total... 11833 'Yes', 31559 'No'

The returns show the high vote to be 182,144
 State Question Number 73, Initiative Petition Number 46 has carried by constitutional
 majority of 23,761



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 seventy-three (73), Initiative Petition Number forty-six (46) 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.

this Thirteenth day of Oct A. D. 1914.

Joe S. Morris
 SECRETARY STATE ELECTION BOARD.