



October 21, 2015

The Honorable Chris Benge  
Oklahoma Secretary of State  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Ste. 101  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4897

Re: Initiative Petition

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept for filing the enclosed copy of an initiative petition and the Proponents' suggested ballot title. The initiative petition requests that a proposed Oklahoma constitutional amendment by article be submitted to the voters at the general election on November 8, 2016. The proposed amendment would create a special purpose fund for educational purposes only, and levy a one-cent sales and use tax to support the fund.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Oklahoma Attorney General

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**PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE**

This measure adds a new Article to the Oklahoma Constitution. The new Article creates a limited purpose fund to improve public education. It levies a one cent sales and use tax to provide revenue for the fund. It allocates funds for specific institutions and purposes related to the improvement of public education, such as increasing teacher salaries, addressing teacher shortages, programs to improve reading in early grades, to increase high school graduation rates, college and career readiness, and college affordability, improving higher education and career and technology education, and increasing access to voluntary early learning opportunities for low-income and at-risk children. It requires an annual audit of school districts' use of monies from the fund. It prohibits school districts' use of these funds for administrative salaries. It provides for an increase in teacher salaries. It requires that monies from the fund not supplant or replace other education funding. The Article takes effects on the July 1 after its passage.

Shall the proposal be approved?

For the proposal - YES

Against the proposal - NO

A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of this measure. A "NO" vote is a vote against this measure.

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State Question No. 779, Initiative Petition No. 403

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

To the Honorable Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the regular general election, to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016 (or at a special election as may be called by the Governor), and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence or post office are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety (90) days from \_\_\_\_\_. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is:

Shall the following proposed new Article XIII-C to the Constitution be approved?

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA THAT A NEW ARTICLE XIII-C TO THE OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTION BE APPROVED:

**CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA, ARTICLE XIII-C --  
OKLAHOMA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**§ 1. CREATION OF OKLAHOMA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a limited purpose fund to be known as the "Oklahoma Education Improvement Fund." The fund shall consist of the proceeds of the sales tax levy and the use tax levy provided in Section 2 of this Article XIII-C, and any monies or assets contributed to the fund from any other source, public or private.

**§ 2. LEVY OF ONE CENT SALES TAX AND USE TAX FOR OKLAHOMA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There is hereby levied upon all sales, not otherwise exempted in the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code, an additional excise tax of one percent (1.0%) of the gross receipts or gross proceeds of each sale of tangible personal property, or of other goods and services subject to the sales tax as provided in the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. Except as otherwise provided herein, this tax shall be collected, reported, and remitted or paid in accordance with the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.

There is hereby levied and there shall be paid by every person storing, using, or otherwise consuming within this state, tangible personal property purchased or brought into this state, an additional excise tax on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of such property at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the purchase price of such property. Said tax shall be levied on the storage, use or consumption of personal property as provided in the Oklahoma Use Tax Code. Except as otherwise provided herein, this tax shall be collected, reported, and remitted or paid in accordance with the Oklahoma Use Tax Code.

This sales tax levy shall be in addition to, and shall not supplant, the general sales tax levied in the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code or any other sales tax authorized by Oklahoma law and

