

February 6th, 1919.

Received of Campbell Russell this the 6th
day of February, 1919 Proposed Ballot Title
for State Question No. 99, Initiative Petition
No. 67 together with Petition.

Secretary of State.

STATE QUESTION No. 99.

INITIATIVE PETITION No. 67.

WARNING

"It is a felony for any one 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 to sign such petition when he is not a legal voter."



STATE QUESTION No. 99.

INITIATIVE PETITION No. 67.

INITIATIVE PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE J. B. A. ROBERTSON,

Governor of the State of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed law 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, and I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence and postoffice address are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires May 7, 1919. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: "Shall the following proposed law be adopted?"

A BILL ENTITLED: "AN ACT LEVYING UPON THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS, AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND APPORTIONMENT THEREOF, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12a, ARTICLE 10, OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION."

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. For the purpose of maintaining the common schools of this State for the fiscal year beginning July 1st next following the adoption of this Act, and for each fiscal year thereafter an annual tax is hereby levied upon the property of every railroad company, pipe line company, telegraph company, and upon the property of every public service corporation which operates in more than one county in this State; such tax to be equal (as near as may be) to the average rate of tax levied upon other property in this State for like purposes.

For the purpose of determining the rate of levy to be applied to the property coming under the provisions of this Act for maintaining common schools for any tax year, it is hereby made the duty of the County Clerk of each county in this State to furnish the State Auditor, in writing, over his signature and seal, not later than October 1st, each year, a statement showing the maintenance (or "general purpose") tax levy for each school district in his county for such year; and the State Auditor shall add together the amount of such maintenance (or "general purpose") levy for each and every school district in this State, and shall divide the result by the total number of school districts in this State, and the quotient shall be held and construed to be the average tax rate for this State for maintaining common schools for such year; and the State Auditor shall, in a book kept for that purpose, extend the said average tax rate against all property coming under the provisions of this Act; and such tax is hereby made payable to the State Auditor in like time as taxes upon other property for similar purposes are payable throughout this State; and upon failure to pay, the owner or owners of such property shall be subject to like penalties as are now, or may hereafter be, provided by law for failure to pay ad valorem taxes regularly levied in this State.

Section 2. All taxes collected under the provision of this Act shall, as collected, be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the common school fund of the State, and the same shall be apportioned and distributed in like time and manner as other common school funds of the State.

Section 3. Property coming under the provisions of this Act shall not be liable for the maintenance or general purpose tax levy made by any school district; but such property shall be subject to taxation for all other purposes, including the school district levy for "interest and sinking fund," the same as before the adoption of this Act.

THE END.

When signed and acknowledged, return to Campbell Russell, Oklahoma City.

PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE QUESTION

NO. 99, INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 67.

The gist of the proposition is to vitalize Section 12a, Article 10 of the State Constitution, levying upon the property of the general public service corporations of the State, those operating in more than one county, an annual tax for maintaining common schools; same to be equal, as near as may be, to the average rate of tax for such purpose applying upon other property throughout the State for any given tax year. Provides for the collection of such tax and the apportionment thereof as other common school funds of this State are apportioned.

Ernest B. Ball

Article 7

Art. Duckman No.

99 Antislavery

Peltain No. 67

SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM
OKLAHOMA CITY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

This instrument was filed for record this
6 day of *Feb*

A.D. 1919 at *3* o'clock *P* M.

Recorded in _____ *Ernest B. Ball*

Recorded No. _____ at page _____

Secretary of State

Ernest B. Ball

September 10,
1920.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA) SS.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE)

I, JOE S. MORRIS, Secretary of State, of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that there was filed in the office of Secretary of State May 7, 1919, Petitions containing 21,474 signatures In-re State Question 99, Initiative Petition No. 67; The proposed ballot title being as follows:

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Done at the Capitol, at Oklahoma City, State of Oklahoma, this the Tenth day of September, A. D., 1920, at the hour of Ten o'clock A. M., and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred Forty-fifth.

Joe S. Morris
SECRETARY OF STATE.