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Committee Substitute for
House Joint Resolution No. 13.

By Leonard Morris.

Providing For The Submission Of A Proposed Amendment
To The Constitution Giving All Counties In The State Of Oklahoma
The Right Of Option On The Question Of Abolishing Township Government.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma that the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to prepare and submit to the voters of the State, for their ratification or rejection, at a special election to be held on the Fifth day of August, 1913, the following proposed new section to the Constitution, to be known as Section Five A of Article Five and to be inserted in the Constitution immediately following Section 5 of Article 5:

Section 5 A. Each county in the State of Oklahoma may by a majority of the legal voters of such county voting upon the proposition, abolish township organization or government. The Board of County Commissioners of such county, upon a petition signed by sixteen per centum of the total number of votes cast at the last general election for the county, office receiving the highest number of votes, praying that the question of abolishing township organization or government be submitted to a vote of the county, shall within thirty days after the regular meeting of such board next convening after the filing of such petition, call a special election for such purpose, or the board may in their discretion submit such question at the next general election held after the filing of such petition. If such question shall be carried, township organization or government shall cease in such county, and all the duties theretofore performed by the township officers shall be cast upon and be performed by such county officers having like duties to perform in relation to the county at large as such township officers performed in relation to the township at large. At any general election after the abolition of township organization or government the question of returning to township government may be submitted as provided for the submission of the question of abolishing such government, and if a majority of the votes

cast upon such question be in favor of township government, there shall thereupon be established, and the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint the full quota of township officers, who shall their offices and perform the duties thereof until their successors shall have been elected at the next general election and until shall have been qualified. Except as otherwise specifically provided by this section, the law relating to carrying into effect the initiative and referendum provisions of the Constitution shall govern."

Passed the House of Representatives, May 7th, 1913.

J. H. [Signature]
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate, May 15th, 1913.

C. B. [Signature]
President Pro-tempore of the Senate

Approved May 16th 1913
[Signature]
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

For H.G. -

Comdnt.

Oklahoma, Okla.

1913

Received in the office of Secretary of State

at 9 o'clock

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Secretary of State

[Signature]

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State Question No. 58. Special Election, August 5, 1913. Referendum No. 21
 as shown by the records of Secretary of State.
 Submitted by the House Joint Resolution No. 13, Session Laws, 1913.
 The gist of the proposition is: To amend the Constitution of the State by the
 adoption of an additional section providing for the calling of an election in any
 county upon a petition signed by sixteen percentum of the total votes cast at the
 last general election for the county office receiving the highest number of votes, to
 abolish or establish township government therein.

Vote—	Yes	50,634
	No	39,690
Majority for measure		10,944
Amendment adopted.		