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Committee Substitute for
House Joint Resolution No. 19

By: Lemmon and Davis

Relating To The Submission Of A Proposed Amendment
To The Constitution Giving All Counties In The State Of Oklahoma
The Right Of Option For 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, a special
election to be held on the fifth day of August, 1918, the following
proposed amendment to the Constitution, to be known as Article Five
of the Constitution, to be inserted in the Constitution immediately
following Section 3 of Article 5.

Section 1. Each county in the State of Oklahoma may
by a majority of the legal voters of said county, voting upon the pro-
positions, abolish township organization or government. The
Board of County Commissioners of each county, upon a petition
signed by sixteen percentum of the total number of votes cast at
the last general election in the county, or following 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
meet, convening after the filing of such petition, call a special ele-
ction 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 town-
ship 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, this shall thereupon be established, and the Board of County Com-
mittee shall appoint the full quota of township officers, who shall perform the duties thereof, until their successors shall have been elected at the next general election and until they shall have been qualified. Except as otherwise specifically pro-
vided 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.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate, May 15th, 1913.

C. F. Evening
President of the Senate

I. C. Crum
Governor of the State of Oklahoma