STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1027

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; changing the percentage of legal voters from statewide to every congressional district of the state for certain petitions; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

Section 2. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and eight percent (8%) of the legal voters of every congressional district of this state shall have the right to propose any legislative measure, and fifteen percent (15%) of the legal voters of every congressional district of this state shall have the right to propose any legislative measure, and fifteen
state shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution by petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. The second power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety), either by petition signed by five per centum percent (5%) of the legal voters of every congressional district of this state or by the Legislature as other bills are enacted. The ratio and per centum of legal voters hereinbefore stated shall be based upon the total number of votes cast at the last general election for the Office of Governor.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. ____                State Question No. ____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends a section pertaining to initiative and referendum petitions. The amendment changes the percentage of legal voters necessary to propose certain petitions from statewide to every congressional district of this state.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES __________

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO __________
SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

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