

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2020

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION NO. 16

By: Bullard, Boggs and Murdock
of the Senate

5 and

6 West (Kevin) and Gann of
7 the House

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10 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State
11 to refer to the people for their approval or
12 rejection a proposed amendment to Section 26 of
13 Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; expanding
14 the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms;
15 providing ballot title; and directing filing.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for
19 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,
20 the following proposed amendment to Section 26 of Article II of the
21 Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

22 Section 26. A. The fundamental right of ~~a~~ each individual
23 citizen to keep and to bear arms ~~in defense of his home, person, or~~
24 ~~property, or,~~ including handguns, rifles, shotguns, knives,
nonlethal defensive weapons and other arms in common use, as well as

1 ammunition and the components of arms and ammunition, for security,
2 self-defense, lawful hunting and recreation, in aid of the civil
3 power, when thereunto ~~legally~~ lawfully summoned, or for any other
4 legitimate purpose shall never be prohibited; but nothing herein
5 contained not be infringed. The State of Oklahoma shall be
6 obligated to uphold this right and shall under no circumstance
7 decline to protect against its infringement.

8 B. This section shall not prevent the Legislature from
9 regulating the carrying of weapons prohibiting the possession of
10 arms by a convicted felon, a person convicted of domestic violence,
11 a person adjudicated as mentally incompetent or a person who has
12 been involuntarily committed in any mental institution.

13 C. No law shall impose registration or special taxation upon
14 the keeping of arms including the acquisition, ownership possession
15 or transfer of arms, ammunition or the components of arms or
16 ammunition.

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

20 BALLOT TITLE
21 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

22 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

23 This measure would amend Section 26 of Article 2 of the Oklahoma
24 Constitution. This measure would prevent infringement of the

1 fundamental right of a citizen to keep and bear arms. This
2 measure will not prevent the Legislature from prohibiting
3 possession of firearms by a convicted felon, a person
4 adjudicated as mentally incompetent or an individual
5 involuntarily committed in any mental institution. This measure
6 would prohibit the imposition of registration or special
7 taxation upon the keeping of arms or ammunition.

8 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

9 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

10 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

11 SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,
12 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file
13 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2
14 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney
15 General.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
17 February 26, 2020 - DO PASS
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