

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 16

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

19 Section 26. A. The fundamental right of a each individual
20 citizen to keep and to bear arms in defense of his home, person, or
21 property, or, including handguns, rifles, shotguns, knives,
22 nonlethal defensive weapons and other arms in common use, as well as
23 ammunition and the components of arms and ammunition, for security,
24 self-defense, lawful hunting and recreation, in aid of the civil
25 power, when thereunto ~~legally~~ lawfully summoned, or for any other

1 legitimate purpose shall never be prohibited; but nothing herein
2 contained not be infringed. The State of Oklahoma shall be
3 obligated to uphold this right and shall under no circumstance
4 decline to protect against its infringement.

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

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

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

17 BALLLOT TITLE

18 Legislative Referendum No. _____ State Question No. _____

19 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 This measure would amend Section 26 of Article 2 of the Oklahoma
21 Constitution. This measure would prevent infringement of the
22 fundamental right of a citizen to keep and bear arms. This
23 measure will not prevent the Legislature from prohibiting
24 possession of firearms by a convicted felon, a person

1 adjudicated as mentally incompetent or an individual
2 involuntarily committed in any mental institution. This measure
3 would prohibit the imposition of registration or special
4 taxation upon the keeping of arms or ammunition.

5 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

6 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

7 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

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

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