

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 9

By: Bullard

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 26 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; expanding the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms; updating statutory language; making language gender neutral; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH 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 26 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution to read as follows:

Section 26. A. The fundamental right of a each individual citizen to keep and to bear arms in defense of his home, or her person, or property, or including handguns, rifles, shotguns, knives, nonlethal defensive weapons and other arms in common use, as well as ammunition and the components of arms and ammunition, for self-defense, lawful hunting and recreation, in aid of the civil

1 power, when thereunto ~~legally~~ lawfully summoned, or for any other  
2 legitimate purpose shall ~~never be prohibited; but nothing herein~~  
3 contained not be infringed.

4 B. This section shall not prevent the Legislature from  
5 regulating the carrying of weapons enforcing or adopting narrowly  
6 tailored time, place and manner regulations, or authorizing  
7 political subdivisions to adopt and enforce such regulations, to  
8 serve a compelling state interest.

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

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

16 BALLOT TITLE

17 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure would amend Section 26 of Article 2 of the Oklahoma  
20 Constitution. This measure would prevent infringement of the  
21 fundamental right of a citizen to keep and bear arms. This  
22 measure will not prevent the Legislature from adopting  
23 regulations that serve a narrowly tailored compelling state  
24 interest. This measure would prohibit the imposition of

1 registration or special taxation upon the keeping of or transfer  
2 of arms, ammunition or the components of arms or ammunition.

3 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

4 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

5 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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