

Oklahoma State Senate

Legislative Brief

June 2011

Issues To Be Referred to Oklahoma Voters for Approval or Rejection at the 2012 Election

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Issue: Property Valuation

State Question 758

Legislative Referendum 358

Originating Legislation: HJR 1002 (2011)

Principal Authors: Senator Jim Reynolds, Representative David Dank Election Date: November 6, 2012 (pending proclamation by the Governor) Ballot Title (as set forth in HJR 1002; pending review by the Attorney General):

This measure amends the State Constitution. It amends Section 8B of Article 10. This measure affects the way changes to the fair cash value of some real property are made. It includes only property which is a homestead or property which is used for agricultural purposes. It prevents the value from increasing in any one year by more than three percent. It also removes obsolete language from the law.

Issue: Preferential Treatment or Discrimination

State Ouestion 759

Legislative Referendum 359

Originating Legislation: SJR 15 (2011)

Principal Authors: Senator Rob Johnson, Representative Leslie Osborn Election Date: November 6, 2012 (pending proclamation by the Governor) Ballot Title (as set forth in SJR 15; pending review by the Attorney General):

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new Section 36 to Article II. It will not allow special treatment or discrimination based on race or sex in public employment, education or contracts. It gives exceptions for some situations. It sets out remedies for violations.

Contact For More Information:

The Senate staff members listed below may be able to provide further information on the state questions listed in this legislative brief. However, the provisions of Section 16-119 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes prohibit state officials from directing or authorizing the expenditure of public funds to be used in support of or in opposition to measures being referred to the people for a vote, and provide misdemeanor penalties for offenses. In addition, rules of the Ethics Commission prohibit the use of public funds, property or time to influence the results of a ballot measure. Due to these restrictions, the information on state questions that the Senate staff is able to provide may be limited. Committees raising or expending funds in support of or in opposition to a state question are required to register with the Ethics Commission (www.ethics.ok.gov).

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