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STATE QUESTIONS

STATE QUESTION NO. 684 LEGISLATIVF REFERENDUM NUMBER 314

This measure amends the State Constitution. It amends Sections 2, 3 and 5 of Article XL, which deal with the School Land Trust. The United States established the Trust to benefit the State's common schools and certain State universities. The permanent school fund is part of that Trust. That trust fund must now forever remain intact and the State can never diminish it. The State can now only use the trust fund's income to aid schools.

The measure changes how the State could use the permanent school fund. The measure allows the State to use more of the fund's income to aid schools. The measure allows the State to diminish the fund itself to aid schools. The measure allows the State to use between 41% and 51% of the market value of the fund for the last three years to aid common schools.

The measure also allows the State to use more than trust income to aid the specified universities. The measure allows the State to also diminish the trust fund established to aid the universities. The measure does not set a limit on the amount of trust funds the State could use to aid the universities.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES  
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

STATE QUESTION NO. 685 LEGISLATIVF REFERENDUM NUMBER 315

This measure amends the State Constitution. It will allow a county to increase property taxes by up to two and one-half mills to support county health departments. The new tax will only be allowed in counties with more than 500,000 persons. The new tax must be approved by county voters.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES  
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

STATE QUESTION NO. 686 LEGISLATIVF REFERENDUM NUMBER 316

This measure amends Section 23 of Article 10, of the State Constitution. The measure deals with the state budget. The change would let state colleges and universities make contracts with presidents for more than one (1) year, but not more than three (3) years. This measure also deletes some obsolete language.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES  
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

STATE QUESTION NO. 687 LEGISLATIVF REFERENDUM NUMBER 317

This measure amends the State Constitution. It amends Section 3 of Article 28. Presently, wineries may sell their wine to consumers at the winery. They also may sell wine to wholesalers. They cannot sell wine to retail package stores. They cannot sell wine to restaurants. This act would allow Oklahoma wineries to sell their wine to retail package stores and restaurants in this state. They also could ship the wine directly to the retail package stores and restaurants that are licensed to sell liquor by the drink.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES  
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

STATE QUESTION NO. 690 LEGISLATIVF REFERENDUM NUMBER 318

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Sections 9 and 10 of Article 10. It affects certain school millage levies. The change is to the emergency levy, local support levy, and the building fund levy for school districts. It would allow each school district to decide to eliminate the need for an annual election for those levies. Once the levies are approved, the voters of the school district would also decide whether to allow them to continue from year to year. The vote on the levies would change only if another election is held and the voters rescind their prior action. Such an election would be held if a petition is signed or the board of education recommends an annual vote be taken.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES  
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

STATE QUESTION NO. 692 LEGISLATIVF REFERENDUM NUMBER 320

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds Section 40 to Article 10. The measure creates the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund. A percentage of the payments received by the state from tobacco companies shall be deposited in the trust fund. The percentage goes from 50% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, to 75% for any fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and after. Monies not deposited in the trust fund shall be subject to legislative appropriations. The trust fund would be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors would consist of members appointed by various state officials. The trust fund monies could be invested according to certain standards. A Board of Investors would have the duty of investing the trust fund monies. The chair of the Board of Investors would be the State Treasurer. Other members would be appointed by the State's state officials. The earnings from the trust fund may be expended by the Board of Directors for certain purposes. The purposes include tobacco prevention and cessation programs, health care, education, other children's services and programs for senior adults. The measure allows the Legislature to pass laws to further implement this section.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES  
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO