CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 960402
SENATE BILL NO. GF16-21

AS INTRODUCED
A Congressional Act authorizing a survey of the student body on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Congress; providing for specific questions; and providing for distribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: TITLE: This act may be known and shall be cited as the "An Act Authorizing a Survey on SQ 777"

Section 2: PURPOSE: To establish a survey as per the SGACA Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7.

Section 3: The Election Board shall survey students to discover what the OU student population thinks about SQ 777, inform students about SQ 777, and also promote voter turnout.

Section 4: The questions in this survey are as follows unless the Congressional Administration Committee at large determines they need to be amended to accurately determine its goal:
The Sustainability Committee of the OU Undergraduate Student Congress has heard many student concerns and opinions on Oklahoma State Question 777 because of its agricultural and environmental implications. We would like to hear how the rest of OU's population feels about the State Question.

If you have any questions please contact Kaleigh Chance at kaleighchance27@ou.edu

On election day, November 8th, the Oklahoma ballots will not just allow you to vote for the presidential candidate of your choice, but will also contain multiple state question for you to vote on. Questions are proposed amendments to the state constitution that if passed by a majority vote will be enacted. State Question 777 is a proposed section to be added into the Oklahoma Constitution that, if passed, will affect the agriculture industry.

The question reads,

This measure adds Section 38 to Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution. The new Section creates state constitutional rights. It creates the following guaranteed rights to engage in farming and ranching:

The right to make use of agricultural technology,

The right to make use of livestock procedures,

and The right to make use of ranching practices.

These constitutional rights receive extra protection under this measure that not all constitutional rights receive. This extra protection is a limit on lawmakers' ability to interfere with the exercise of these rights. Under this extra protection, no law can interfere with these rights, unless the law is justified by a compelling state interest—a clearly identified state interest of the highest order. Additionally, the law must be necessary to serve that compelling state interest.

The measure—and the protections identified above—do not apply to and do not impact state laws related to:

Trespass, Eminent domain, Dominance of mineral Interests, Easements, Right of way or other property rights, and Any state statutes and political subdivision ordinances enacted before December 31, 2014

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## What People Say about SQ 777 Implications

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<th>Positive Implication</th>
<th>Negative Implication</th>
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<td>- Would allow farmers to defend themselves against future unjust laws</td>
<td>- Would prevent legislators from putting rules and regulations on the agricultural</td>
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<td>- Could boost Oklahoma economy by attracting farmers and ranchers to the state,</td>
<td>industry without highest burden of proof that something is dangerous</td>
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<td>creating jobs, and lowering food costs</td>
<td>- Could give agricultural corporations advantage over small farms and ranches</td>
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<td>- Could allow for a free market where consumers get to better choose which products</td>
<td>- Could make it difficult to protect water from animal waste, because only laws enacted</td>
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<td>they want to purchase</td>
<td>before Dec. 31, 2014 are grandfathered in</td>
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5. I am a(n):...
   - Undergraduate
   - Graduate
   - Faculty
   - Other

3. How familiar are you with all the Oklahoma State Questions that will be on the 2016 ballot?
   - Extremely familiar
   - Very familiar
   - Moderately familiar
   - Slightly familiar
   - Not familiar at all

9. How familiar are you with State Question 777: “Right to Farm”?
   - Extremely familiar
   - Very familiar
   - Moderately familiar
   - Slightly familiar
   - Not familiar at all

10. How closely are you related to the agricultural industry?
    - Extremely related
    - Moderately related
    - Slightly related
    - No relation
How do you feel about government restrictions on farming and ranching?

- The government does not place enough restrictions on farming and ranching
- The government places the right amount of restrictions on farming and ranching
- The government places too many restrictions on farming and ranching

Do you feel that some agricultural components should be restricted and regulated by the government?

- No agricultural component should be restricted by the government
- Some agricultural components should be restricted by the government
- Many agricultural components should be restricted by the government
- I am unsure

"Compelling state interest" is the highest order of proof. Therefore under this amendment state legislators and the state courts would have to prove without a doubt that a practice, procedure, or technology is unsafe before it can be banned from the agriculture industry. Do you prefer the question as is, or would you prefer it without the language of "compelling state interest"?

- I prefer the question as is
- I would prefer the question WITHOUT "compelling state interest"
- I do not like the question at all
- I am unsure

What type of agricultural components do you believe should be restricted or regulated by the government? Click all that apply and/or list a new option.

- Use of certain technology
- Use of hormones
- Treatment of animals
- Other

Knowing what you do now about State Question 777, how do you plan to vote on the measure?

- Yes
- No
- I am still unsure

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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Please don't forget to go to the polls on November 8th. All the state questions are very important and impactful. It is a special right and responsibility as an Oklahoma Citizen to voice your opinion!

Section 5: Upon passage of this bill through committee, it shall be referred to the Congressional Administration Committee to be compiled into a separate Survey Act as mandated by Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7 of the SGACA.

Section 6: This poll shall be sent out on Monday October 24th, 2016 and data shall be retrieved on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Section 7: This act shall become effective while in accordance with the SGA Constitution and SGACA, immediately following passage and approval by the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress.

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Verified by Chair of Congress: [Signature] Date: 10/3/16

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