

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	-
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Meeting Dates:	4/2, 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Upon approval by the voters at the November 2008 general election, changes the operative date of redistricting from September 1st or November 15th of the year the re-districting plan is completed to the second Monday of January of the next odd-numbered year. Provides for election of state senators and state representatives under the new redistricting plan in the election-year immediately following completion of the redistricting. Allows person who has resided in a district since only January 1 of the year following completion of reapportionment to be appointed state senator or state representative to that district during the full year following completion of redistricting.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Change in districts mid-term for Oregon legislators
- Example of Eugene representative assigned to central Oregon district
- Residency requirement (one year) and waiver of requirement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: "Reapportionment", commonly called "redistricting" in Oregon, changes the lines of Oregon's state representative and state senator districts every ten years, based on results of the U.S. Census, "reapportioning" to keep districts approximately equal in population. Deadlines, criteria, and responsibilities for redistricting are contained in Article IV, Section 6 of the Oregon Constitution and ORS 188.010. The next U.S. Census is scheduled for 2010, with reapportionment to be done the following year, 2011.

Under current law, when the new redistricting plan goes into effect, and more than one elected representative or senator resides in a district, one of those representatives or senators is assigned, temporarily, another district. After the 2001 redistricting, for example, a Eugene representative was assigned to represent a district in central Oregon and a Milwaukie representative was assigned a district that included Lake Oswego. HJR 31 would allow representatives and senators to continue to represent the districts from which they were elected for their full terms, with the new redistricting going into effect for the purpose of the primary and general elections.