

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Be Adopted  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Avakian, Ferrioli, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Brown  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
**Prepared By:** Marjorie Taylor, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 6/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to change operative date of state legislative reapportionment plan to second Monday in January of next odd-numbered year after deadline for making plan. Provides exception for purpose of electing Senators and Representatives to reapportioned districts. Specifies inhabitancy requirements for candidates and for filling vacancies. Provides exception to requirement that member of Legislative Assembly be inhabitant of district. Refers proposed amendment to people at next regular general election.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Redistricting process in Oregon
- Members who are reassigned to districts in other parts of the state
- Effect of amendment on mid-term Senators

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Article IV, section 6 of the Oregon Constitution and ORS 188.010 prescribe deadlines, criteria, and responsibilities for redistricting. The next U.S. Census is scheduled for 2010, with legislative reapportionment (redistricting) to be completed the following year.

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 temporarily assigned to another district. HJR 31 allows representatives and senators to continue to represent the districts from which they were elected for their full terms, however the new redistricting will go into effect for the purpose of the primary and general elections.