

Senate Joint Resolution 1

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SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to compensation of public officials.
Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at special election held on same date as next primary election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 15 to be added to and made a part of Article IX, such section to read:

SECTION 15. (1) Salaries for members of the Legislative Assembly, elected officials of the Executive Department, district attorneys and judges of the supreme court, court of appeals, circuit courts and tax court shall be established by an independent commission created by law for that purpose. A majority of the members of the commission shall be selected by lot from elector registration records. An individual who holds an office or position the salary of which is established by the commission, or an immediate family member of the individual, may not be a member of the commission. As used in this section, the term "immediate family member" has the meaning defined by law.

(2) Any change of salary by the commission shall be filed with the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on or before October 31 of each even-numbered year and shall become law on July 1 of the odd-numbered year following the filing unless, by May 1 of that odd-numbered year, the Legislative Assembly passes a bill rejecting or amending the salaries and the bill takes effect on or before July 1 of that odd-numbered year.

(3) The salaries established under this section supersede any other provision for the salaries of members of the Legislative Assembly, elected officials of the Executive Department, district attorneys and judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals, circuit courts and tax court. However, pursuant to section 1, Article VII (Amended) of this Constitution, the salaries of judges of the supreme court and other courts may not be diminished during the term for which they are elected. The salaries of these members, elected officials, district attorneys and judges in effect on the effective date of this section remain in effect until changed under this section.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout this state on the same date as the next primary election.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

