

House Bill 3615

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Health Care)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides ballot title for House Joint Resolution 100 (2008).
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to elections; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 250.035, 250.067, 250.075 (2) and 254.085 (3), the ballot title for House Joint Resolution 100 (2008) shall be:

AMENDS CONSTITUTION: ESTABLISHES HEALTH CARE AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT; LEGISLATURE MUST ADOPT PLAN EXPANDING HEALTH CARE ACCESS.

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote establishes access to health care as a fundamental right and requires legislature to adopt plan providing legal residents access to health care.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains current law in which access to health care is not a fundamental right and does not require plan providing health care access.

SUMMARY: Currently, while state statutes establish goal of providing universal access to health care, there is no requirement upon the Legislative Assembly to adopt a plan to implement the goal. This measure establishes a fundamental right to access to health care under the Oregon Constitution and establishes a constitutional requirement that the Legislative Assembly adopt a plan to provide access to effective and affordable health care on a regular basis to every legal resident in the state.

(2) ORS 250.085 does not apply to the ballot title contained in subsection (1) of this section. The ballot title contained in subsection (1) of this section shall be the ballot title printed in the voters' pamphlet, and printed on, or included with, the ballot.

SECTION 2. This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.