

Senate Joint Resolution 41

Sponsored by Senator L GEORGE; Senators FERRIOLI, G GEORGE, NELSON, STARR, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representatives FLORES, HANNA, THATCHER, WHISNANT (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to establish joint committee on audits and government accountability. Directs committee to appoint a legislative auditor. Directs legislative auditor to conduct financial and compliance audit of at least two executive department agencies during each two-calendar-year period.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general 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 34 to be added to and made a part of Article IV, such section to read:

SECTION 34. (1) A joint committee on audits and government accountability is established within the Legislative Assembly. The committee shall consist of 12 members of the Legislative Assembly. The Senators who are the leaders of the two largest political parties represented in the Senate shall each appoint three members of the Senate to the committee. The Representatives who are the leaders of the two largest political parties represented in the House of Representatives shall each appoint three members of the House of Representatives to the committee.

(2) The committee shall appoint a legislative auditor.

(3) Notwithstanding section 2, Article VI of this Constitution, at the direction of the committee, once every two calendar years the legislative auditor shall conduct a financial and compliance audit of at least two agencies of the executive department. The committee shall determine which agencies are subject to audit and shall select at least one agency with more than _____ employees for audit during each two-year period.

(4) The Legislative Assembly may enact laws necessary to implement this section.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

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.