

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 5 - 1 - 2  
Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Jenson, Read, Roblan  
Nays: Garrard  
Exc.: Gelser, Nolan  
Prepared By: Jerry Watson, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies election law related to ballot titles for property tax measures voted on in an election held in May or November. Conforms current statute to comply with ballot measure repealing a portion of the double majority requirement passed by voters in 2008.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Double Majority requirement
- Conforming statute with ballot measure adopted in 2008

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

**BACKGROUND:** Prior to 2008, the Oregon Constitution required that ballot titles for property tax levies could be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout (section 11(8), Article XI). In 2008 voters approved HJR 15 (2007), removing the double majority voting requirement for property tax levies voted on in an election held in May or November.

The text of HJR 15 reads as follows:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 11k to be added to and made a part of Article XI, such section to read:

SECTION 11k. Notwithstanding subsection (8) of section 11 of this Article, subsection (8) of section 11 of this Article does not apply to any measure voted on in an election held in May or November of any year.

SB 775 clarifies that a notice of the double majority requirement does not need to be posted on measures voted on in May or November.