

House Joint Resolution 4

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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 allow Legislative Assembly by law to provide for manner of filling vacancies in office of justice of peace.

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. Section 16, Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 16. Governor to Fill Vacancies by Appointment. (1) When during a recess of the [*legislative assembly*] **Legislative Assembly** a vacancy occurs in any office, the appointment to which is vested in the [*legislative assembly*] **Legislative Assembly**, or when at any time a vacancy occurs in any other state office, or in the office of judge of [*any*] a court **other than a justice court**, the [*governor*] **Governor** shall fill such vacancy by appointment, which shall expire when a successor has been elected and qualified. When any vacancy occurs in any elective office of the state or of any district or county thereof, the vacancy shall be filled at the next general election, provided such vacancy occurs more than sixty-one (61) days prior to such general election.

(2) **The Legislative Assembly may by law provide for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of justice of the peace.**

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.