

# House Joint Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution allowing electors residing outside of people's utility district boundary but receiving utility service from district to vote on district matters and serve on district board.

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 12, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

**Sec. 12.** [*Peoples'*] **People's** Utility Districts may be created of territory, contiguous or otherwise, within one or more counties, and may consist of an incorporated municipality, or municipalities, with or without unincorporated territory, for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and municipal purposes; for the development of water power and/or electric energy; and for the distribution, disposal and sale of water, water power and electric energy. Such districts shall be managed by boards of directors, consisting of five members, who shall be residents of such districts **or residents of any territory for which the district provides utility service.** Such districts shall have power:

(a) To call and hold elections within their respective districts **and within any territory for which the district provides utility service.**

(b) To levy taxes upon the taxable property of such districts.

(c) To issue, sell and assume evidences of indebtedness.

(d) To enter into contracts.

(e) To exercise the power of eminent domain.

(f) To acquire and hold real and other property necessary or incident to the business of such districts.

(g) To acquire, develop, and/or otherwise provide for a supply of water, water power and electric energy.

Such districts may sell, distribute and/or otherwise dispose of water, water power and electric energy within or without the territory of such districts.

The legislative assembly shall and the people may provide any legislation, that may be necessary, in addition to existing laws, to carry out the provisions of 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.

