

House Joint Resolution 44

Sponsored by Representative HICKS

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**.

Modifies terminology in Oregon Constitution for three branches of state government. Substitutes references to Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches for Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments.

Refers Act 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 1, Article III, section 17, Article IV, and section 2, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, are amended to read:

Sec. 1. The powers of the Government shall be divided into three [*seperate departments*] **separate branches**, the Legislative, the Executive, including the administrative, and the Judicial; and no person charged with official duties under one of these [*departments*] **branches**, shall exercise any of the functions of another, except as in this Constitution expressly provided.[-]

Sec. 17. Each house shall have all powers necessary for a [*branch*] **chamber** of the Legislative [*Department*] **Branch**, of a free, and [*independant*] **independent** State.[-]

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall keep a fair record of the official acts of the Legislative Assembly, and Executive [*Department of the State*] **Branch**; and shall when required lay the same, and all matters relative thereto before either [*branch*] **chamber** of the Legislative Assembly. [*He*] **The Secretary of State** shall be by virtue of [*his*] **holding the** office, Auditor of [*public*] **Public** Accounts, and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned [*him*] **to the Secretary of State** by law.[-]

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.