

Senate Joint Resolution 23

Sponsored by Senator ATKINSON

SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require Legislative Assembly to pass bill funding state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education by 81st day of regular session and to prohibit compensation of legislators if bill is not passed.

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 9 to be added to and made a part of Article VIII, such section to read:

SECTION 9. (1) Not later than the 81st day after the commencement of a regular session, the Legislative Assembly shall pass a bill that appropriates the funds for the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education for the biennium next following the commencement of the regular session. If the Governor returns a bill passed under this subsection with written objections, as provided in section 15b, Article V of this Constitution, within two weeks of the date of the return, the Legislative Assembly either shall reconsider and approve the bill as provided in section 15b, Article V of this Constitution, or shall pass a new bill that appropriates the funds for the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education for the biennium next following the commencement of the regular session.

(2) If the Legislative Assembly has not passed a bill as required by subsection (1) of this section on or before the 81st day after the commencement of a regular session, the members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to any compensation for the period beginning on the 82nd day after commencement of the regular session and ending on the date a bill described in subsection (1) of this section is passed. If the Governor returns a bill described in subsection (1) of this section and the Legislative Assembly does not either reconsider and approve the bill or pass a new bill that appropriates the funds within two weeks of the date of the return, the members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to any compensation for the period between the end of the two weeks and the date the bill is passed.

(3) As used in this section, "compensation" means per diem payments and salary.

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.