

# Senate Joint Resolution 37

Sponsored by Senator HASS, Representatives BARKER, READ

## 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 replace existing freedom of expression provisions with language modeled after freedom of speech and freedom of press provisions of First Amendment to United States Constitution.

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 8, Article I of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

**Sec. 8.** [*No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right.*] **The Legislative Assembly shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press. The people, in the exercise of the initiative power reserved to them under section 1 of Article IV of this Constitution, shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.**

**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.