

# Senate Joint Resolution 39

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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 treat office of member of Legislative Assembly as vacant if member accumulates more than 10 unexcused absences during regular session of Legislative Assembly. Requires each house of Legislative Assembly to establish by rule process by which members obtain excuse for absences.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

3 **PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section  
4 34 to be added to and made a part of Article IV, such section to read:

5 **SECTION 34. (1) The office of a Senator or the office of a Representative shall be de-**  
6 **clared vacant if the Senator or Representative accumulates more than 10 unexcused ab-**  
7 **sences during the course of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly. The vacancy shall**  
8 **be filled as provided by law, except that the person who accumulated more than 10 unexcused**  
9 **absences is ineligible to be appointed to fill the vacancy.**

10 **(2) Each house shall establish by rule a process by which a member of the Legislative**  
11 **Assembly may be excused from committee or floor sessions of the Legislative Assembly. An**  
12 **excuse obtained pursuant to rules adopted under this section permits a member's absence**  
13 **during the period for which the excuse applies to not count as an absence under subsection**  
14 **(1) of this section.**

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16 **PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the  
17 **people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout**  
18 **this state.**

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**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.