

Senate Joint Resolution 19

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Senators BEYER, EDWARDS, Representatives BARNHART, HOLVEY (at the request of Tom Bowerman) (Presession filed.)

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 providing that speech protections in Constitution may not be construed to prohibit Legislative Assembly, or people through initiative process, from imposing limitations on campaign contributions or expenditures.

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. (1) 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.[.]

(2) **This section may not be construed to prohibit the Legislative Assembly, or the people through the initiative process, from imposing limitations on campaign contributions or expenditures.**

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.