

# Senate Joint Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Senator EDWARDS, Representatives BARNHART, HOLVEY (at the request of Tom Bowerman) (Pre-session 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 to extend freedom of expression rights only to natural persons and not entities incorporated or established by law.

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) Subsection (1) of this section applies only to natural persons. Entities incorporated or established by law are subject to regulation by federal, state or local 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.