

Senate Joint Resolution 23

Sponsored by Senator CLOSE

SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution allowing income and excise tax credits for educational expenses paid to or for benefit of religion-based schools.

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 repealing section 5, Article I, and by adopting the following new section 5 in lieu thereof:

SECTION 5. An income or excise tax credit may be allowed for educational expenses paid to or for the benefit of a religion-based school or a nonsectarian school. Money may not be drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any religious or theological institution or be appropriated for the payment of any religious services in either house of the Legislative Assembly.

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.