

# Senate Joint Resolution 204

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (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 require Legislative Assembly each biennium to spend one-third of legislatively adopted budget on education and seven percent of legislatively adopted budget on public safety activities. Defines terms. Applies to biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

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 creating new sections 16 and 16a to be added to and made a part of Article IX, such sections to read:

**SECTION 16. (1) For each biennium:**

**(a) The Legislative Assembly shall spend not less than one-third of the legislatively adopted budget on education; and**

**(b) The Legislative Assembly shall spend not less than seven percent of the legislatively adopted budget on public safety.**

**(2) As used in this section:**

**(a) "Education" means early childhood programs, kindergarten through grade 12 programs, youth development programs and post-secondary education programs.**

**(b) "Legislatively adopted budget" means the total funds budget enacted by the Legislative Assembly during an odd-numbered year regular session and includes moneys from the General Fund, federal funds, lottery funds and other funds.**

**(c) "Public safety" means community safety, law enforcement and resolution of civil matters, prosecution and defense services related to the court system, incarceration and related treatment services and prevention and intervention programs, including the judicial branch of state government, the military department, disaster preparedness and homeland security.**

**SECTION 16a. (1) Section 16 of this Article first applies to biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2015.**

**(2) This section is repealed January 1, 2018.**

**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.

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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.