

House Joint Resolution 205

Sponsored by Representative HOYLE, Senator DEVLIN (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 permit Legislative Assembly, or people through initiative process, to enact laws limiting or prohibiting contributions made in connection with campaigns for nomination or election to public office.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Legislative Assembly desires the establishment of reasonable limits on political contributions that neither unduly burden individuals from making small contributions nor unduly encourage the making of independent expenditures in lieu of campaign contributions; now, therefore,

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

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 8, Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall enact laws to support the privilege of free suffrage, prescribing the manner of regulating[,] and conducting elections, and prohibiting under adequate penalties[,] all undue influence therein[,] from power, bribery, tumult[,] and other improper conduct. [-]

(2) The Legislative Assembly, or the people through the initiative process, may enact laws limiting or prohibiting contributions made in connection with campaigns for nomination or election to public office. This subsection applies to laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly, or enacted or approved by the people through the initiative process, on or after the effective date of the amendment to this section by House Joint Resolution 205 (2016) (LC 192).

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.