

Senate Joint Resolution 203

Sponsored by Senator KRUSE (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 establishing State Board of Education. Directs State Board of Education to provide unified public education system and to appoint Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Provides for Governor to continue to serve as Superintendent of Public Instruction until State Board of Education first appoints Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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 a new section 1a to be added to and made a part of Article VIII, and by amending section 1, Article VIII, such sections to read:

Sec. 1. *[The Governor shall be superintendent of public instruction, and his powers, and duties in that capacity shall be such as may be prescribed by law; but after the term of five years from the adoption of this Constitution, it shall be competent for the Legislative Assembly to provide by law for the election of a superintendent, to provide for his compensation, and prescribe his powers and duties.-]* **(1) The State Board of Education is established for the purpose of providing a unified public education system in this state.**

(2) The board shall fulfill the purpose described in subsection (1) of this section by:

(a) Establishing policies for the administration and operation of the public elementary and secondary schools and community colleges in this state; and

(b) Coordinating and unifying the public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and public universities in this state.

(3) In addition to any powers or duties assigned to the State Board of Education by the Legislative Assembly by law, the State Board of Education shall appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SECTION 1a. (1) Notwithstanding section 1 of this Article, the Governor shall continue to serve as the Superintendent of Public Instruction until the State Board of Education appoints a Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(2) This section is repealed on January 1, 2027.

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.