

SJR 2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to allow citizens to register to vote no later than day immediately preceding day of election. Refers amendment to voters at next regular general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Constitution of the State of Oregon entitles any United States citizen to vote in all elections held in this state if the citizen is at least 18 years of age, has resided in this state during the six months preceding an election, with certain exceptions, and is lawfully registered to vote not less than 20 calendar days before an election.

Currently, thirteen states plus the District of Columbia offer "same-day" voter registration, allowing any qualified resident of the state to register to vote either before or on Election Day.

Senate Joint Resolution 2, if approved by voter's at the next general election, permits citizens to register to vote no later than the day immediately before election day.