

House Joint Resolution 7

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH (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 prohibiting campaign contributions or donations from foreign nationals.

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. 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) As used in this section:

(a) "Foreign national" means:

(A) A government of a foreign country;

(B) A foreign political party;

(C) A person outside of the United States, unless it is established that:

(i) The person is an individual and a citizen of and domiciled within the United States;

or

(ii) The person is not an individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the United States, any state or any other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and that the person's principal place of business is within the United States; or

(D) A partnership, association, corporation, organization or other combination of persons organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in, a foreign country.

(b) "Foreign national" does not mean an individual who:

(A) Is a citizen of the United States; or

(B) Has been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the immigration laws, such status not having changed.

(3) A foreign national may not, directly or indirectly, make:

(a) A contribution or donation of money or other thing of value, or make an express or implied promise to make a contribution or donation, in connection with any election held in this state;

(b) A contribution or donation to a committee of a political party; or

(c) An expenditure, independent expenditure or disbursement for any election held in this

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.

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2 (4) A person may not solicit, accept or receive a contribution or donation described in
3 paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (3) of this section from a foreign national.

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5 PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the
6 people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout
7 this state.

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