

Senate Joint Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (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 to limit types of legislative measures that Legislative Assembly may enact during even-numbered year regular session, unless passed by two-thirds vote of each house of Legislative Assembly.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 10, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall hold annual sessions at the Capitol of the State. Each session must begin on the day designated by law as the first day of the session. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section:

(a) A session beginning in an odd-numbered year may not exceed 160 calendar days in duration; and

(b) A session beginning in an even-numbered year may not exceed 35 calendar days in duration.

(2) The Legislative Assembly may hold an organizational session that is not subject to the limits of subsection (1) of this section for the purposes of introducing measures and performing the duties and effecting the organization described in sections 11 and 12 of this Article. The Legislative Assembly may not undertake final consideration of a measure or reconsideration of a measure following a gubernatorial veto when convened in an organizational session.

(3) A regular session, as described in subsection (1) of this section, may be extended for a period of five calendar days by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house. A session may be extended more than once. An extension must begin on the first calendar day after the end of the immediately preceding session or extension except that if the first calendar day is a Sunday, the extension may begin on the next Monday.

(4) The Legislative Assembly, when meeting in a regular session that begins in an even-numbered year, may enact:

(a) Measures appropriating moneys, limiting expenditures or modifying existing appropriations or expenditure limitations;

(b) Measures to conform Oregon law to changes in federal law that were made within the preceding two years at the federal level;

(c) Measures to make technical nonpolicy corrections to Oregon laws passed within the preceding two years; or

(d) Any other measure that is passed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house.

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.

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

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