

Senate Joint Resolution 201

Sponsored by Senator WINTERS; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BOQUIST, DEBOER, GIROD, KRUSE, LINTHICUM, OLSEN, THOMSEN (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 broaden definition of bills that raise revenue and thus require supermajority of both chambers. Defines "raising revenue" to include increase in any tax or fee, including bills that modify or eliminate exemptions, credits, deductions or lower rates of taxation.

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 25, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a majority of all the members elected to each [*House*] **house** shall be necessary to pass every bill or [*Joint*] **joint** resolution.

(2) Three-fifths of all members elected to each [*House*] **house** shall be necessary to pass bills for raising revenue.

(3) All bills, and [*Joint*] **joint** resolutions passed, shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective houses.

(4) **As used in this section, "raising revenue" means any tax or fee increase, whether accomplished by the creation, imposition or increase of any tax or fee or by the modification of, elimination of or change in eligibility requirements for any exemption, credit, deduction or lower rate of taxation.**

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.