

# House Joint Resolution 5

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## 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 remove gender-specific references to public officials and replace with gender-neutral references to public officials.

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 8a, Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

**Sec. 8a.** In case of the removal from office of the Governor, or of *[his]* **the** death, resignation, or disability to discharge the duties of *[his]* **the office of Governor** as prescribed by law, the Secretary of State; or if there be none, or in case of *[his]* **the Secretary of State's** removal from office, death, resignation, or disability to discharge the duties of *[his]* **the office of Secretary of State** as prescribed by law, then the State Treasurer; or if there be none, or in case of *[his]* **the** removal from office, death, resignation, or disability to discharge the duties of *[his]* **the office of State Treasurer** as prescribed by law, then the President of the Senate; or if there be none, or in case of *[his]* **the** removal from office, death, resignation, or disability to discharge the duties of *[his]* **the office of the President of the Senate** as prescribed by law, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall become Governor until the disability be removed, or a Governor be elected at the next general biennial election. The Governor elected to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the outgoing Governor. The Secretary of State or the State Treasurer shall appoint a person to fill *[his]* **the vacant office of Secretary of State or State Treasurer** until the election of a Governor, at which time the office so filled by appointment shall be filled by election; or, in the event of a disability of the Governor, to be Acting Secretary of State or Acting State Treasurer until the disability be removed. The person so appointed shall not be eligible to succeed to the office of Governor by automatic succession under this section during the term of *[his]* **the person's** appointment.

**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.