Senate Joint Resolution 13
Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Tom Bowerman) (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 permit Legislative Assembly, or people through initiative process, to enact laws regulating use of moneys in political campaigns.

Provides that amendment to Constitution applies only to laws enacted on or after December 3, 2020.

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 I of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. (1) No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right.[-]

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Legislative Assembly, or the people through the initiative process, may enact laws regulating the use of moneys in political campaigns, including:

(a) Limiting contributions made in connection with political campaigns;

(b) Requiring the disclosure of contributions or expenditures, as defined in state law, made in connection with political campaigns;

(c) Requiring that an advertisement made in connection with a political campaign identify the person or entity who paid for the advertisement; and

(d) Any other regulation on the use of moneys in political campaigns permitted under federal law.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section applies to laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly, or enacted or approved by the people through the initiative process, on or after December 3, 2020.

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.

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