

MEASURE NO. _____

BALLOT TITLE

**AMENDS CONSTITUTION: GRANTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES POWER TO
IMPEACH STATEWIDE ELECTED EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS AND SENATE
POWER TO CONVICT IMPEACHED OFFICIALS.**

Result of “Yes” Vote: “Yes” vote gives power to Legislative Assembly to remove statewide elected officials from office for impeachable offenses.

Result of “No” Vote: “No” vote leaves recall by voters as the only process by which statewide elected officials may be removed from office.

Summary: Amends the Oregon Constitution to grant the Oregon House of Representatives the power to impeach statewide elected officials in the executive branch, and to grant the Oregon Senate the power to try an impeachment received from the House. Currently, the statewide elected officials of the executive branch are the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Currently, the only way to remove these officials is through recall election. The measure permits the House to impeach for malfeasance, corrupt conduct in office, willful neglect of constitutional duty or other felony or high crime. Requires “yes” vote of at least two-thirds (40) of Representatives to send impeachment resolution to Senate. Requires Senate to conduct impeachment trial, and requires “yes” vote of at least two-thirds (20) of Senators to convict. A convicted official is removed from office and disqualified from other public office.
