

Minority Report
A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 27

Ordered by the Senate May 2
Including Senate Minority Report Amendments dated May 2

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the Senate Committee on Rules: Senators HANSELL, KNOPP

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.

[Requires Secretary of State to conduct study and analyze provisions of Oregon Constitution, Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules relating to voter access. Requires secretary to develop recommendations regarding most effective methods for improving voter access and increasing voter participation.]

[Requires secretary to submit report to interim legislative committees on rules by September 15, 2024.]

[Sunsets January 2, 2025.]

**Establishes ballot title for Senate Joint Resolution 33 (2023).
Requires special election for Senate Joint Resolution 33 (2023) to be held throughout state on same date as next regular general election.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to elections; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) Pursuant to ORS 250.075 and notwithstanding ORS 250.035, if Senate Joint
5 Resolution 33 (2023) is referred to the people by the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly in
6 regular session, the ballot title for Senate Joint Resolution 33 (2023) shall be:
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9 **AMENDS CONSTITUTION: ADDS ABORTION AND SEX CHANGE AND RELATED HEALTH**
10 **PROCEDURES, SEXUAL ORIENTATION TO "EQUALITY OF RIGHTS ON ACCOUNT OF**
11 **SEX"; REPEALS SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE BAN.**

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13 **RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "YES" vote amends constitutional provision to provide constitu-**
14 **tional right to a girl of any age to obtain an abortion through all nine months of pregnancy**
15 **for any reason without parental knowledge, to gender identity support and sex reassignment**
16 **surgery for minors over 15 without parental consent, and to sexual orientation; repeals pro-**
17 **vision on marriage being between one man and one woman.**

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19 **RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "NO" vote retains current constitutional provision prohibiting**
20 **government actions impairing equal rights "on account of sex."**
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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 **SUMMARY: In 2014, voters adopted Article I, section 46, of the Oregon Constitution, which**
2 **provides: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of**
3 **Oregon or by any political subdivision in this state on account of sex.” This measure creates**
4 **new protected rights including:**

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- 6 • **Abortion and related procedures;**
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- 8 • **Sex change and related procedures;**
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- 10 • **Sexual orientation; and**
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- 12 • **Gender.**
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14 **The measure repeals the current constitutional provision protecting marriage between**
15 **one man and one woman. Additional major effects of this measure may include prohibiting**
16 **state or local government actions limiting abortion or sex change and related procedures.**
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19 **(2) The word limits described in ORS 250.035 (2) do not apply to the ballot title contained**
20 **in this section.**

21 **SECTION 2. A special election shall be held throughout this state on the same date as**
22 **the next regular general election. The measure that is referred to in section 1 of this 2023**
23 **Act and that is otherwise referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly shall be sub-**
24 **mitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the special election described in this**
25 **section.**

26 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
28 **on its passage.**
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