

# Senate Joint Resolution 1

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY (Pre-session 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 require two-thirds majority vote in each chamber of Legislative Assembly to pass bills for raising revenue. Provides definition of "bill for raising revenue".

Submits 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 shall be necessary to pass every bill or Joint resolution.

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

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

(4) **As used in this Article, the term "bill for raising revenue" means:**

(a) **A new tax;**

(b) **An increase in an existing tax; or**

(c) **The reduction or elimination of a tax credit, tax deduction or tax exemption.**

**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.