

House Joint Resolution 17

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The measure proposes to make the SOS a nonpartisan office with a term of six years. This change would apply to elections for the SOS that are on or after 2032. The measure asks voters to say yes or no at the next general election. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to make the Secretary of State a nonpartisan office with a term of six years that would apply to elections to the office that occur on or after January 1, 2032.

Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 1a to be added to and made a part of Article VI, and by amending section 1, Article VI, such sections to read:

Sec. 1. (1) There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State of Oregon, a nonpartisan Secretary of State, who shall serve for a six year term. At all times when in office, the Secretary of State shall remain unaffiliated with any major or minor political party. No person shall be eligible to the office of Secretary of State more than 12 in any period of 18 years.

(2) There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State of Oregon, at the times and places of choosing Members of the Legislative Assembly, a [*Secretary, and Treasurer of State, who shall severally hold their offices for the term of four years; but no person shall be eligible to either of said offices more than Eight in any period of Twelve years.*] State Treasurer, who shall hold their office for the term of four years; but no person shall be eligible to be State Treasurer more than eight in any period of 12 years.

(3) The four year limit on the tenure of office in section 2, Article XV of this Constitution, does not apply to the office of the Secretary of State.

SECTION 1a. (1) The amendment to section 1 of this Article by House Joint Resolution 17 (2025) applies to primary and general elections occurring on or after January 1, 2032.

(2) This section is repealed on January 1, 2034.

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.