

# House Joint Resolution 22

Sponsored by Representative BOICE

## 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 asks voters to say yes or no to amending the Constitution to create the County Review Board, which would consider the pros and cons of legislative Acts that concern land use, natural resources or forestry. Each county would have one member of the board. If 20 of 36 board members vote to cancel an Act, the Act would be null and void. The board may not review Acts about the budget or taxes. The measure asks voters to say yes or no to amending the Constitution at the next general election. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.0).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to create the County Review Board, consisting of one representative from each county in this state. Directs the board to meet after each session of the Legislative Assembly to review each legislative Act enacted at the session that is related to land use, natural resources or forestry. Provides that if 20 or more board representatives vote in favor of cancelling an Act, the Act is thereafter null and void. Prohibits the board from considering an Act related to the budget or to taxes or taxation.

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

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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

3 **PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating new sections  
4 16 and 16a to be added to and made a part of Article XI, such sections to read:

5 **SECTION 16. (1) The County Review Board is established, consisting of one represen-**  
6 **tative from each county in the State of Oregon.**

7 **(2) The governing body of each county shall appoint one individual who is a resident of**  
8 **the county, to represent the county on the County Review Board. Each representative serves**  
9 **at the pleasure of the governing body that appointed the representative. A representative**  
10 **may be removed by majority vote of the county governing body that appointed the repre-**  
11 **sentative. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of board representative, the appointing**  
12 **county governing body shall fill the vacancy by appointment within 30 days of the vacancy.**

13 **(3)(a) The County Review Board shall convene within 15 days of the adjournment sine die**  
14 **of a regular or special session of the Legislative Assembly and shall consider the merits of**  
15 **each legislative Act enacted at that legislative session that the board determines is related**  
16 **to land use, natural resources or forestry.**

17 **(b) Notwithstanding section 28, Article IV, and section 15b, Article V of this Constitution,**  
18 **and without regard to whether the Act has taken effect or not, if 20 or more board repre-**  
19 **sentatives vote in favor of cancelling an Act, the Act is thereafter null and void and cannot**  
20 **be revived by the Governor or through exercise of the referendum power described in sub-**  
21 **section (3) of section 1, Article IV of this Constitution.**

22 **(c) If an Act is determined to be null and void under paragraph (b) of this subsection,**  
23 **affected parties shall be restored to the position they would have been in had the Act never**  
24 **been enacted.**

**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       **(4) The County Review Board has no authority to consider the merits of any Act relating**  
2 **to the budget of this state or relating to taxes or taxation.**

3       **(5) The County Review Board shall conclude its review of the legislative Acts enacted at**  
4 **a session within 60 days of convening. After concluding a review under this section, the**  
5 **board may not thereafter consider the merits of any Act that the board had the opportunity**  
6 **to consider previously under this section.**

7       **SECTION 16a. (1) County governing bodies shall make initial appointments to the County**  
8 **Review Board under section 16 of this Article on or before June 1, 2027.**

9       **(2) This section is repealed on January 1, 2028.**

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11       **PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the**  
12 **people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout**  
13 **this state.**