

# Senate Joint Resolution 19

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Resolution says that more than half of the Senate has to ok a pardon or commutation. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to require approval by a majority of the Senate of any pardon or commutation.

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.** Section 14, Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

**Sec. 14. (1)(a)** [*He*] **The Governor** shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons, after conviction, for all [*offences*] **offenses** except treason, subject to **subsection (3) of this section and** such regulations as may be provided by law. [*Upon conviction for treason he*] **The Governor** shall have power to suspend the execution of the sentence **for a conviction for treason** until the case shall be reported to the Legislative Assembly, at its next meeting, when the Legislative Assembly shall either grant a pardon, commute the sentence, direct the execution of the sentence, or grant a [*farther*] **further** reprieve.[-]

**(b)** [*He*] **The Governor** shall have power to remit fines, and forfeitures, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law; *and*].

**(2)** **The Governor** shall report to the Legislative Assembly at its next meeting each case of reprieve, commutation, or pardon granted, and the reasons for granting the same; and also the names of all persons in whose favor remission of fines, and forfeitures shall have been made, and the several amounts remitted.

**(3)** **A commutation or pardon does not take effect unless, after the report to the Legislative Assembly described in subsection (2) of this section, the commutation or pardon is approved by a majority vote of the Senate.**

**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.