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The governing bodies of the state of Oregon has used this loop hole in state laws many times when they know the general public will defeat an unpopular with the general public of Oregon will slam the door shut on. In rescheduling the issue to an earlier date without notifying the general public the government knows people will not submit their vote nor go to a polling place to vote figuring it must be something unimportant because it is not on a common and important date. This needs to be changed so no change in the date of a vote is allowed to be changed once the original date of enactment of the new or modified law is agreed on with all parties involved. If costing the general public an increase in taxes the public has the right to put the issue up for a vote of the people if enough valid signatures are collected by the general public to put the issue to a vote of the people. If said vote is in favor of the general public then the issue shall either stay as originally written or signatures will be collected to put the issue to a vote if enough valid signatures are collected. The government will have no say in the matter. The original implementation date of the issue shall not be moved up nor will a new date to vote.