

# Senate Joint Resolution 11

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing independent redistricting commission to adopt redistricting plans for state Senate, state House of Representatives and United States House of Representatives.

Refers 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.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by repealing sections 6 and 7, Article IV, and by adopting the following new section 6 in lieu thereof:

**SECTION 6. (1) During the last regular session of the Legislative Assembly preceding the federal decennial census, a commission of five electors shall be appointed to prepare a plan for redistricting and reapportioning the state into legislative and congressional districts. No elector appointed to be a member of the commission may hold public office.**

**(2) Four of the members of the commission shall be appointed in the following manner:**

**(a) The highest ranking officer elected by the Senate shall appoint one member.**

**(b) The minority party leader of the Senate shall appoint one member.**

**(c) The highest ranking officer elected by the House of Representatives shall appoint one member.**

**(d) The minority party leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member.**

**(e) In the event that there are two or more minority parties within the Senate or the House of Representatives, the leader of the largest minority party as determined by state-wide political party affiliation shall make the appointment.**

**(3) Within 20 days of being appointed, the four members appointed under subsection (2) of this section shall appoint a fifth member of the commission, who shall serve as chairperson of the commission. If the four members fail to appoint a chairperson within the time prescribed by this subsection, a majority of the Supreme Court shall select the chairperson.**

**(4) In a reapportionment plan created pursuant to this section, a senatorial district shall consist of two adjoining representative districts. Each district shall consist of compact and contiguous territory. All districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable.**

**(5) The Legislative Assembly shall enact laws providing for the implementation of this section.**

**(6)(a) The commission shall submit its reapportionment plan to the Legislative Assembly at the first regular session of the Legislative Assembly that is held after the commission is formed or after the federal decennial census figures are available, whichever is later.**

**(b) Within 30 days after submission of the reapportionment plan, the Legislative Assem-**

**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 bly shall return the plan to the commission with the recommendations of the Legislative  
2 Assembly.

3 (c) Within 30 days of receiving recommendations from the Legislative Assembly, the  
4 commission shall file its final plan with the Secretary of State and the reapportionment shall  
5 become law.

6 (d) The commission is dissolved after the reapportionment plan is filed with the Secretary  
7 of State under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

8 (7) The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction to review the reapportionment  
9 plan for compliance with law. If the Supreme Court determines that the reapportionment  
10 plan does not comply with the law, the court may order the Secretary of State to make any  
11 alterations the court deems necessary to ensure that the reapportionment plan complies  
12 with all applicable laws.

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

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