

House Joint Resolution 15

Sponsored by Representative NOBLE (at the request of Former Representative A. Richard Vial)

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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require President of Senate, Speaker of House of Representatives and chairpersons of legislative committees to be determined by secret ballot of respective legislative chambers.

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

Sec. 14. (1) The deliberations of each house, of committees of each house or joint committees and of committees of the whole, shall be open. Each house shall adopt rules to implement the requirement of this section and the houses jointly shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of this section in any joint activity that the two houses may undertake.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section:

(a) The President of the Senate and the chairpersons of each committee of the Senate shall be determined by secret ballot cast by all members of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons of each committee of the House of Representatives shall be determined by secret ballot cast by all members of the House of Representatives.

(3) Each joint committee established by the Legislative Assembly shall have two cochairpersons, one from the Senate and one from the House of Representatives. Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Senate cochairperson of a joint committee shall be determined by secret ballot cast by all members of the Senate and the House cochairperson shall be determined by secret ballot cast by all members of the House of Representatives.

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.