House Bill 3656

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE

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 Act would make it so that elections for local option taxes must be held on the date of a general election in an even-numbered year. The Act would make an exception for certain measures to extend a current local option tax. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Provides that elections on local option tax measures shall be held only on the date of general elections in even-numbered years, with one exception for certain measures seeking to extend current local option taxes.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to election dates for local option tax measures; creating new provisions; amending ORS

3   280.070; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5   SECTION 1. ORS 280.070 is amended to read:

6   280.070. (1) An election within a county for the purpose of approving a tax levy or tax rate un-

7 der ORS 280.060 shall be called by the county court or board of county commissioners and shall be

8 held on [*a*] **the** date specified in ORS 203.085 **(1)(d) of an even-numbered year**.

9   (2) An election within a city for the purpose of approving a tax levy or tax rate under ORS

10 280.060 or under [*section 11 (3)(c),*] Article XI**, section 11 (3)(c),** of the Oregon Constitution, shall

11 be called by the governing body of the city and held on [*a*] **the** date specified in ORS 221.230 **(1)(d)**

12 **of an even-numbered year**.

13   (3) An election within a political subdivision other than a county or city for the purpose of ap-

14 proving a tax levy or tax rate under ORS 280.060 or under [*section 11 (3)(c),*] Article XI**, section 11**

15 **(3)(c),** of the Oregon Constitution, shall be called by the governing body of the subdivision and held

16 on [*a*] **the** date specified in ORS 255.345 **(1)(d) of an even-numbered year**.

17   (4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the ballot title for a measure au-

18 thorizing the imposition of local option taxes shall contain the following additional statement:

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21   This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

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24   (b) The ballot title for a measure authorizing the renewal of current local option taxes shall

25 contain the following additional statement:

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28   This measure renews current local option taxes.

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.

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3 (c) The statement required by this subsection shall be placed after the question on the ballot

4 title and may not be considered for purposes of the word count limitations under ORS 250.035.

5 (5) As part of the question, the ballot title for a measure authorizing or renewing the authori-

6 zation of the imposition of local option taxes shall state:

7 (a) The length in years of the period during which the proposed local option tax will be imposed.

8 (b) The first fiscal year in which the proposed local option tax will be imposed.

9 (6) As part of the question, the ballot title for a measure authorizing the establishment of a

10 permanent rate limitation shall contain the following information:

11 (a) The tax rate per $1,000 of assessed value of the proposed permanent rate limitation.

12 (b) The first fiscal year in which the proposed permanent rate limitation will be imposed.

13 (7) The ballot title for a measure authorizing the imposition of local option taxes or a permanent

14 rate limitation shall be in compliance with ORS 250.036.

15 **SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 280.040 to**

16 **280.090.**

17 **SECTION 3. (1) This section applies to a local option tax that will expire in the calendar**

18 **year succeeding a general election at which a local option tax measure seeking to extend the**

19 **tax was rejected by the people.**

20 **(2)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 280.070 (1) to (3), the municipal corporation seeking to extend**

21 **the local option tax may place a local option tax measure on the ballot at an election held**

22 **on the date of the primary election in the succeeding odd-numbered year if the measure will**

23 **extend the term of the local option tax without making any other substantive changes to the**

24 **tax.**

25 **(b) The measure may have retroactive effect to the date of expiration of the local option**

26 **tax that it extends.**

27 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**

28 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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