

House Bill 3686

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 sets the date and the process for a special election in the late fall of 2025 for electors to vote on a proposed change in the law. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Establishes the date and process for a special election to be held on November 4, 2025, for electors to approve or reject a proposed constitutional amendment that would require future constitutional amendments or revisions to obtain a three-fifths majority vote of the votes cast for adoption. Appropriates moneys to pay direct expenses incurred by the state to hold the special election.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to a special election; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Except as otherwise provided in this 2025 Act, ORS chapters 250, 251 and 254**
4 **apply to the special election held on the measure submitted under House Joint Resolution**
5 **21 (2025).**

6 **SECTION 2. The measure referred to in section 1 of this 2025 Act shall be submitted to**
7 **the electors for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout this state**
8 **on November 4, 2025.**

9 **SECTION 3. Arguments relating to the measure referred to in section 1 of this 2025 Act**
10 **may be filed with the Secretary of State under ORS 251.245 and 251.255, except that an ar-**
11 **gument shall be filed not later than August 31, 2025. Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478,**
12 **an argument filed under this section is exempt from required disclosure in response to a**
13 **public records request until the fourth business day after the deadline for filing the argu-**
14 **ment.**

15 **SECTION 4. (1) The Secretary of State shall cause to be printed in the voters' pamphlet**
16 **the number, ballot title and text of the measure referred to in section 1 of this 2025 Act and**
17 **the financial estimate, explanatory statement and arguments relating to the measure.**
18 **Notwithstanding ORS 251.026, the Secretary of State shall include in the voters' pamphlet the**
19 **information or statements described in ORS 251.026 that the secretary considers applicable**
20 **to the election on the measure referred to in section 1 of this 2025 Act. Notwithstanding ORS**
21 **251.285, the measure referred to in section 1 of this 2025 Act shall be the only measure in-**
22 **cluded in the voters' pamphlet prepared under this section.**

23 **(2) Not later than the 10th day before the election, the Secretary of State shall cause the**
24 **voters' pamphlet to be mailed to each post-office mailing address in Oregon and may use any**
25 **additional means of distribution necessary to make the pamphlet available to electors.**

26 **(3) In preparing the voters' pamphlet under this section, the Secretary of State is not**
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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 required to comply with ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060.

2 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Secretary of State shall prepare and deliver to each county clerk by
3 the most expeditious means practicable a certified statement of the measure referred to in
4 section 1 of this 2025 Act. The secretary shall include with the statement the number, fi-
5 nancial estimate and full ballot title of the measure. The secretary shall keep a copy of the
6 statement.

7 (2) The county clerks shall print on the ballot the number, financial estimate and full
8 ballot title of the measure. In lieu of printing the financial estimate and the summary por-
9 tion of the ballot title on the ballot, the county clerks may include the complete text of the
10 ballot title, the financial estimate and any other information required by law.

11 **SECTION 6.** The Secretary of State shall adopt rules governing the procedures for con-
12 ducting an election on the measure described in section 1 of this 2025 Act as may be neces-
13 sary to implement sections 1 to 6 of this 2025 Act.

14 **SECTION 7.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
15 ated to the Secretary of State, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General
16 Fund, the amount of \$_____, for the payment of direct expenses of this state incurred in
17 submitting the measure referenced in section 1 of this 2025 Act to the people at a special
18 election held throughout this state on November 4, 2025.

19 **SECTION 8.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
20 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
21 on its passage.

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