

Enrolled
House Bill 3687

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to majority vote thresholds for local charters; amending ORS 203.720 and 221.210; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 203.720 is amended to read:

203.720. (1) The electors of [*any*] **the** county, by majority vote of such electors voting [*thereon*] **on the question** at any legally called election, may adopt, amend, revise or repeal a county charter.

(2) The charter, or legislation passed by the county pursuant [*thereto*] **to the charter**, shall provide a method whereby the electors of the county, by majority vote of such electors voting [*thereon*] **on the question** at any legally called election, may amend, revise or repeal the charter.

(3) The county charter and legislative provisions relating to the amendment, revision or repeal of the charter are deemed to be matters of county concern and shall prevail over any conflicting provisions of ORS 203.710 to 203.770 and other state statutes unless otherwise specifically provided by conflicting state statutes first effective after January 1, 1961.

(4)(a) **Notwithstanding the charter of the county or any other provision of law, the adoption, amendment, revision or repeal of a county charter shall be decided by simple majority vote.**

(b) **Nothing in this subsection is intended to prevent a county from amending its charter to provide for the adoption by a supermajority or double majority vote or by any other heightened vote requirement of measures imposing or increasing fees, taxes, assessments, fines, penalties, charges or any other revenue-generating mechanisms of any kind.**

SECTION 2. ORS 221.210 is amended to read:

221.210. (1) The city council may refer and the people may initiate municipal measures or amendments to the charter of [*a*] **the** city as provided in ORS 250.265 to 250.346, unless ORS 250.255 makes ORS 250.265 to 250.346 inapplicable to the city.

(2)(a) **Notwithstanding the charter of the city or any other provision of law, the adoption, amendment, revision, repeal or surrender of a city charter shall be decided by simple majority vote.**

(b) **Nothing in this subsection is intended to prevent a city from amending its charter to provide for the adoption by a supermajority or double majority vote or by any other heightened vote requirement of measures imposing or increasing fees, taxes, assessments, fines, penalties, charges or any other revenue-generating mechanisms of any kind.**

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

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