

House Joint Resolution 1

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH (Presession filed.)

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 measure says that if a state agency wants to charge a new fee or increase a fee, the Legislative Assembly has to agree. The measure requires 3/5 of the members of each chamber to agree. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.3).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to require approval by the Legislative Assembly of any new fees or fee increases adopted by a state agency. Requires that bills approving new or increased fees be approved by a three-fifths supermajority of each chamber of the Legislative Assembly.

Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the 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 creating a new section 16 to be added to and made a part of Article IX, and by amending section 25, Article IV, such sections to read:

SECTION 16. (1) New fees or fee increases adopted by a state agency are not effective unless authorized by the Legislative Assembly by enabling legislation setting forth the approved fees, and the enabling legislation is approved by a supermajority as required under section 25, Article IV, of this Constitution.

(2) New fees or fee increases authorized by the Legislative Assembly under subsection (1) of this section take effect on the effective date of the enabling legislation or on the date specified in the rule adopting the new fees or fee increases, whichever is later.

Sec. 25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in [*subsection (2)*] **subsections (2) and (3)** of this section, a majority of all the members elected to each House shall be necessary to pass every bill or Joint resolution.

(2) Three-fifths of all members elected to each House shall be necessary to pass bills for raising revenue.

(3) Three-fifths of all members elected to each House shall be necessary to pass enabling legislation that approves new fees or fee increases adopted by a state agency, as described in section 16, Article IX of this Constitution.

[(3)] (4) All bills, and Joint resolutions passed, shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective houses.

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.