

House Joint Resolution 15

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

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 amends the Constitution. The measure says that anyone who is appointed to an office may not run for election to that office. The measure refers the amendment to a vote of the people at the next general election. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.1).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to prohibit an individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy in office from being elected to that office. Specifies the offices to which the prohibition applies.

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 12 to be added to and made a part of Article XV, such section to read:

SECTION 12. (1) An individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy in office and who serves under appointment to that office for longer than six months is not qualified for election to that office at the next election at which that office is to be filled following the appointment.

(2) This section applies to any appointment to fill a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly, any office of judge of any court, any state elective office other than Governor, and any office that operates to prosecute criminal violations of law on behalf of the state.

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.