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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR3

HJR 3 would require that the current signature requirements (basically 6% of voters for statutory measure and 8% of voters for constitutional amendment measure) be met in each of Oregon's 37 counties, thus giving Wheeler County or Sherman County (etc.) effectively a veto over all statewide ballot measures.

It also has a phony "eye candy" provision that prohibits anyone who is not an Oregon voter from making any contributions to support or oppose ballot measures in Oregon "to the extent limitations on contributions described in this subsection are permitted under the Constitution of the United States."

The United States Supreme Court has never allowed limits on contributions to support or oppose ballot measures. It has consistently struck down all such limits since 1978 by decisive majorities. This provision was added so that the ballot title would say "limits campaign contributions," when in fact it would not limit campaign contributions--because they would get struck down immediately.