

CONSTITUTION OF OREGON

Proposed Amendments and Revisions

The 2023 regular session of the Legislative Assembly proposed two amendments to the Constitution of the State of Oregon. House Joint Resolution 16 and Senate Joint Resolution 34 are to be submitted for approval or rejection at the regular general election on November 5, 2024.

The 2023 regular session of the Legislative Assembly did not propose any revisions of the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

The 2024 regular session of the Legislative Assembly did not propose any amendments to or revisions of the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

For the convenience of the user, each pending proposed constitutional amendment or revision is set forth.

As set forth below, material in **boldface** would be added to existing sections by a proposed amendment or revision, while *[bracketed]* material would be deleted. Complete new sections begin with **SECTION**

REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION November 5, 2024

House Joint Resolution 16 proposes the following:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 34 to be added to and made a part of Article IV, such section to read:

SECTION 34. (1) The House of Representatives shall have the power of impeachment of statewide elected officials of the Executive Branch for malfeasance or corrupt conduct in office, willful neglect of statutory or constitutional duty or other felony or high crime. The House of Representatives may deliver a resolution of impeachment to the Senate only upon the concurrence of at least two-thirds of all Representatives.

(2) The Senate shall have the power to try any impeachment received from the House of Representatives. When sitting for the purpose of trying an impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside and Senators shall swear or affirm to do justice according to law and evidence. A person may not be convicted under this section without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of all Senators.

(3) Judgment shall extend only to removal from office and disqualification from holding any other public office in this state. Any person convicted or acquitted under this section remains subject to any criminal prosecution or civil liability according to law.

(4) Section 10a of this Article may be invoked for the purpose of exercising the power of impeachment under this section.

Senate Joint Resolution 34 proposes the following:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 2 to be added to and made a part of Article XIII, such section to read:

SECTION 2. (1) The Independent Public Service Compensation Commission is to be established in the manner provided by law.

(2) None of the following may be a member of the commission:

(a) An officer or employee of the State of Oregon;

(b) An individual required by law to register with any state agency as a lobbyist; or

(c) An immediate family member of an individual described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.

(3) The Legislative Assembly may, by law, establish classes of individuals ineligible for membership on the commission in addition to those specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(4)(a) Once established, the commission shall determine the amounts of the salaries to be paid to the officials specified in subsection (5) of this section, notwithstanding section 29, Article IV, and section 1, Article VII (Amended) of this Constitution. The determinations of the commission constitute the salaries to be paid by the state to the specified officials.

(b) The commission shall make its determinations before January 30 of each odd-numbered year to be effective for the biennium beginning July 1 of that year.

(5) The commission shall establish salaries for the following officials:

(a) Governor;

(b) Secretary of State;

(c) State Treasurer;

(d) Attorney General;

(e) Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or any successor agency;

(f) Judges of the Supreme Court;

(g) Judges of other courts under the administration of the judicial branch of state government;

(h) State Senator;

(i) State Representative; and

(j) District attorneys.

(6) The commission may establish different salaries for different classes of officials within the categories described in paragraphs (f) to (j) of subsection (5) of this section.

(7) The compensation of a judge shall not be diminished during the term for which the judge is elected.

(8) Upon the commission's adoption of its determinations, moneys sufficient to pay the salaries determined by the commission are deemed to be appropriated from the General Fund for the biennium in which the determinations are effective, notwithstanding section 4, Article IX of this Constitution.

(9) Nothing in this section creates or requires the creation of any state office.

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