

FOREWORD

On November 2, 2010, Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 71 (Senate Joint Resolution 41 (2010)) and thus amended section 10, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution, to require the Legislative Assembly to meet annually in regular session. The constitutional amendment also limits the duration of odd-numbered year regular sessions to 160 calendar days and even-numbered year regular sessions to 35 calendar days. The constitutional amendment also authorizes the Legislative Assembly to convene an organizational session, which is not limited in its duration. During an organizational session, the Senate and the House of Representatives each may introduce measures, choose its officers, judge the election, qualifications and returns of its members, and adopt rules of proceeding. Pursuant to section 10, Article IV, of the Oregon Constitution, the Legislative Assembly may not undertake final consideration of a measure or reconsider a measure following a gubernatorial veto when convened in an organizational session.

The Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly held the first organizational session January 10 to 12, 2011. On February 1, 2011, the Legislative Assembly then convened the first odd-numbered year regular session that was subject to limits on its duration. The 2011 regular session adjourned sine die on its 150th calendar day—June 30, 2011.

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Oregon Laws 2011 begins with Ballot Measure 73 (2010), an initiative measure that the voters approved at the general election held November 2, 2010. After its approval, the Secretary of State designated Ballot Measure 73 (2010) as chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2011. Chapters 2 to 733, Oregon Laws 2011, are the Acts of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly that the Governor signed. Following the text of Oregon Laws 2011 are the resolutions adopted at the organizational session and at the 2011 regular session. These include House Concurrent Resolution 11 (2011), which is a rule of proceeding for the 2011 regular session, Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (2011), which adjourned the organizational session, House Joint Resolution 7 (2011), which proposes a constitutional revision, House Joint Resolution 44, which proposes a constitutional amendment, Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 (2011), which is a rule of proceeding for the 2012 regular session, and Senate Concurrent Resolution 18 (2011), which adjourned the 2011 regular session.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Pursuant to ORS 171.022, each Act passed by the Legislative Assembly takes effect on January 1 of the year after passage of the Act unless a different date is specified in the Act. The normal effective date for most Acts passed by the 2011 regular session of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly is January 1, 2012.

Section 28, Article IV, Oregon Constitution, provides that an Act may not take effect sooner than 90 days from the end of a legislative session unless an emergency is declared in the Act. Unless otherwise specified in the Act, an Act in which an emergency is declared takes effect on the date it is approved by the Governor or, if neither approved nor disapproved by the Governor, on the date it is filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

REFERENDUM

An Act that takes effect sooner than 90 days after the end of the session in which it is passed is not subject to referendum by petition under section 1, Article IV, Oregon Constitution. Other Acts may be referred to the people for their approval or rejection by petition filed with the Secretary of State not more than 90 days after the end of the session.